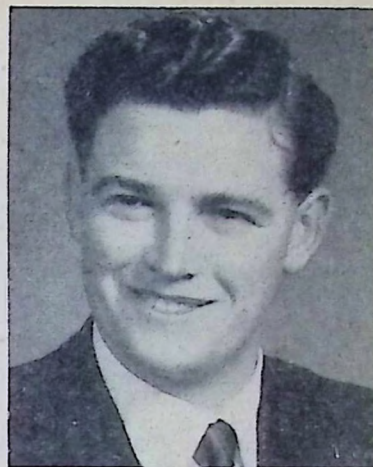


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A. A. Avery.

REACHING TEENAGERS

"Teenweek" at Maidstone, Vic., was different — startlingly so in some ways. Was it successful? We asked Allan A. Avery (missioner) to sum up his maturing impressions on the venture.

What can surpass the thrill of proclaiming Christ to over two hundred teenagers for nine nights? On one night over three hundred attended. This was my privilege and responsibility at Maidstone. It was my first experience of this kind, but one that whetted my appetite for more. In summing up the advantages and possibilities for such a programme these observations may be made.

Teenweek provided a point of contact. Over three hundred young people were personally invited to attend. Of

these one hundred and fifty-three attended, in addition to many from the community.

Teenweek provided an opportunity for decision. There were twenty-seven enquiries, of which eighteen were first decisions.

Teenweek provided an opportunity for the young people of the church to become involved in the work of evangelism. Forty-five attended the dedication and committal service. From this service the young people went out to invite their friends to the meetings.

Teenweek provided an opportunity for young and old to witness in the community. It became a topic of conversation, and young people said that it provided opportunities for conversation with school and work-mates which might not have been otherwise possible.

Teenweek also provided the opportunity of putting into the "shop window" some outstanding personalities from the world of sport, business and entertainment. Men of the calibre of Alan Rowe the entertainer, John Birt, Ken. Fraser and Doug. Beasy of football fame, and Robert Coles from the business world, all spoke of the reality of the Christian faith to them. Cyril Minns, who is blind, made a profound impression when, accompanied by his "seeing eye" dog, he witnessed to the light Christ has brought to him.

Teenweek provided many talented young people with scope to use their gifts for Christ's service. A real variety of talent was demonstrated.

Teenweek inspired other youth groups to do something in their own church in the way of evangelism.

It would only be right to acknowledge the energy and ability brought to the planning by the minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. Patterson. Let it be understood that any venture in the field of evangelism in this area must be different from the usual methods. Many of the young people who live there have, as Alan Walker of Sydney says, "few or no Christian memories." If we were able to witness to our faith and make a genuine impact for Christ, we feel that something worthwhile was achieved.



Church and Group Life Laboratory

The undersigned report a privileged experience recently shared at "Clevedon," the Methodist Conference Centre, The Basin, Vic. Under the auspices of the Australian Council for Christian Education, it was a joy to take part in a Church and Group Life Laboratory for a period of two weeks, when 32 representatives of all denominations (except Baptists) were in attendance from all States.

It will be of interest to many if we briefly report on the purpose of the "laboratory." It had three main goals, all in the field of human relations:

- (1) to increase our awareness of the forces and factors existing in any 'group' which meets for common action;
- (2) to develop greater sensitivity to our own and others' needs;
- (3) to increase our skill in training others, i.e., helping people to grow in human relations.

Many of the insights of the social sciences were brought to bear on our life as a learning community at the Laboratory. We were thus helped to see more clearly the human predicament in which the grace of God may operate. Life is made up of personal relationships, and to gain appreciation of the forces which are at work whenever people meet in groups (small or large, formally or informally), is to have insight into the area where the gospel of Christ must exercise its redeeming power.

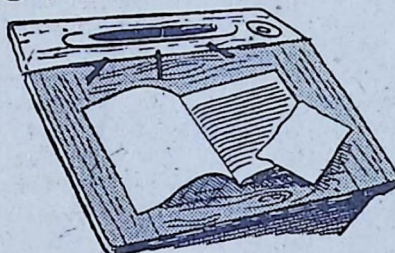
Across the meal-table and between the sessions of the laboratory, rich fellowship was shared and opportunity afforded for valuable and frank exchange of statements on matters of faith and practice, and particularly of those things that continue to cause division. We were able to state our position on baptism, the ministry, church government, etc. In return, statements such as, "We congregationalists must give further thought to the place of baptism," and another, "I find the helpfulness of the congregational meeting within the context of the Church of England," surely indicate that entering into this area of close relationships we can make an invaluable contribution to unity, which we felt was so much in the minds of those present.

Our experience, of course, can be confirmed by many in other ways, but we felt again that, if our voice as a people is to be heard (and surely isolationism is a negation of our plea), it is only as we get within range of others that we can really understand them better and enable the Spirit of God to operate more

fully in all our separate Christian communions.

Stanley K. Bannon,
Reg. E. Hillbrich,
Roger A. Ryall.

OPEN FORUM



(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

V. C. STAFFORD FOR BELFAST.

The news item under the above heading (A.C., 6/3/62) is worthy of being brought into focus with the contribution that many of our American brethren have made to Christian Education on the national and world levels. R. G. Ross was executive secretary of The International Council of Religious Education for a number of years. Wilbur Parry, Harry C. Munro, Helen Spaulding, Richard E. Lenz, Dennis Savage, J. Allen Watson, Robert Tesdell, Tilford T. Swearingen and Carl Wihelm have served on the International Council Staff or its successor. Dr. Robert M. Hopkins became general secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, co-ordinating religious educational activities in many countries. It is more than a casual event in the life of our Australian brotherhood for V. C. Stafford to be appointed by the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association as recording secretary of the World Assembly. It is given to a few of our Australian brethren to serve at National levels but it is a rare event for one to be called upon to serve at a world level. The news item indicated that the funds of the Federal Board of Christian Education were not available for V. C. Stafford's travel expenses. Surely many will count it a privilege to co-operate by a gift to make certain of our brother's participation in a World Council of Christian Education. Such experiences change the dimensions of one's outlook and will be eventually shared with the total brotherhood through his constant editorial work. It is unfair for one serving in a representative capacity to be taxed with travel expenses out of a limited income.—W. R. Hilburt.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian,"
March 28, 1912.
Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Those Extra Meetings! — A writer in the Methodist Times, referring to the tyranny of our multiplied organisations of Christian service, and the increasing number of public conferences imposed on the churches from without, tells of a friend of his who was called in to inspect some faulty dynamos in a large factory. He found two of them at work. "These are running all right," he said. "Yes," answered the engineer, "they are running all right, but the trouble is I daren't stop them!" On which he remarks that it seems a ghastly thing to be an engineer in charge of a machine that you daren't stop. Many a weary Christian worker will sympathise with him. Is it not time that the craze for multitudes of extra meetings, and for the organisation of new societies, should cease, at least for a while, and that we should return to the simplicities of Christian worship and plain preaching of the gospel?

Scoville Delayed. — C. R. Scoville, who was expected to take part in the N.S.W. Conference and the Federal Conference meetings, will not arrive in time to take part in these gatherings. The latest information fixes the date of his arrival at the end of April or beginning of May.

Two Hundred Miles to Be Baptised. — A man who had travelled over 200 miles to reach Swan Hill, Vic., for the purpose of learning the way of the Lord more perfectly, was baptised at the midweek meeting, and returned home the following day. A meeting of the officers was held recently, when it was decided to offer W. G. Oram another year's engagement with the church at Swan Hill and district.

Decisions in Adelaide. — Reports at S.A. preachers' meeting on March 25 were good. Stirling mission, conducted by S. G. Griffith, 6 confessions for week, 11 to date. Croydon, three confessions; Grote-st., two; Maylands, one. Semaphore, 2 restored. Bro. Filmer, who leaves for his field of labor, spoke a few helpful words. Bro. P. A. Dickson gave a stirring address on Methods in Church Finance.

News Briefs.—The Enmore (N.S.W.) church has extended an invitation to Bro. A. E. Illingworth to take up the work. . . . The East Suburban Co-operation is working with the Hampton (Vic.) brethren for a mission to commence there on April 21, with P. J. Pond and J. H. Tinkler. . . . Hartley Jones has accepted the position of secretary of the church at Brookton, W.A.

SIGNIFICANCE OF NEW DELHI

Fifteen hundred people, in seventy countries of the world, are busily reporting to their churches what it meant to them to be able to attend the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, last November and December. In meetings large and small, by press, radio and television, they have been telling their story. Our own delegates, E. L. Williams and C. H. J. Wright, have not been behind the rest in reporting what has been done, and what yet remains to be done to make the Assembly really effective in the lives of Churches around the world. Some reports in book form have already reached the bookrooms, among them *No Darkness At All* (James W. Kennedy, published by our American churches' Bethany Press) and the Australian review by Harvey L. Perkins, *No Night There* — an outstanding piece of reporting at the modest price of 5/-.

These and other reports have prompted certain reflections, which we note here without any claim that they are either the most important or the most comprehensive arising out of the Assembly. First of all, some of the Assembly's statistical claims to importance are at least worth noting. This was certainly one of the most representative gatherings of Christians ever held. With the addition of 23 new Churches (ranging from the Russian Orthodox to two Pentecostal Churches from Chile, and including the first three to join from the Pacific), the number of World Council Churches rose to 198, representing three hundred million members. The number of African Churches in the Council is now 30, an addition of 17 since Evanston, seven years ago. The total would have been over 200 at New Delhi, had it not been for the withdrawal of three Dutch Reformed Churches last year, following a declaration made at Johannesburg that "no one who believes in Jesus Christ may be excluded from any church on the grounds of his color or race."

Television heightened the impact of this Assembly; it was estimated that 34 million in U.S.A. alone saw the opening procession on T.V. There were about 350 accredited press and radio personnel covering the Assembly, and from them went out a quarter of a million words. Six-and-a-half tons of duplicating paper were used during the Assembly.

But statistics like these only serve to spark the question, "Was it all a matter of bigness, pageantry and words? What was the real significance, if any, of New Delhi?"

Let it be emphasised that the reception into

membership of 23 new member Churches cannot be lightly dismissed as just a matter of statistics; for example, delegates will not easily forget how vocal and urgent, especially on matters like race and unity, were the African and other Younger Churches. The East is coming into full partnership with the West in the affairs of the Council. This gives added importance to the fact that New Delhi saw the integration of the International Missionary Council with the W.C.C., so that it became the new Division of World Mission and Evangelism. Another move whose importance may not at first be obvious was the alteration of the basis of the Council so that it now reads: "The World Council is a fellowship of Churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit." This wording met criticisms of the old basis made by people as wide apart theologically as Protestant evangelicals and Orthodox Churches.

Reviewing moves like these, Harvey Perkins gives it as his opinion that "the most significant thing about the Assembly is . . . a widening of the range of the Council, while at the same time drawing the extremes of that range into closer understanding of one another."

That "closer understanding" was sternly tested during the days of discussion on the themes of Witness, Service and Unity — debates which became much more lively and to the point when the cumbersome sections, with 300 or so in each, broke up into subsections spending eight sessions of two hours each, preceding further intensive work by section drafting committees. Yet, after it was all over, these delegates were able to say through the Assembly's Message: "Christianity now has a home in every part of the world. In this fellowship we are able to speak and act freely." Dr. Kathleen Bliss was able to comment, just before reading the Message, that the committee had been fully aware of three currents moving in the Assembly: (1) a consciousness of the new Churches; (2) an undercurrent of hope and confidence; (3) a new emphasis on the "uniqueness of Christ as the one and only Saviour." The "closer understanding" was symbolised in the fact that, for the first time at an Assembly, an open communion service was held at the invitation of the Anglican host church. But this fact, together with emphasis on the role of laymen, poses some urgent questions which, among others, we would like to discuss next week.

R. V. AMOS (Blackburn, Vic.) gives helpful teaching on the Holy Spirit in discussing

A Tragedy that Keeps On Repeating Itself . . .

I was reading the other day the fragment of a conversation about which I would like to have known a great deal more. It happened like this. Paul, that great crusader of the Cross, had arrived at Ephesus during his third missionary tour. In the city he met a dozen of the leading men, and he put to them a very pointed question, which got a very disturbing reply. He said, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" There was a significant pause, a moment's reflection, and then this wistful response, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit" (Acts 19: 2, N.E.B.).

It would have been very interesting to have had all of Paul's subsequent remarks. No doubt he had a great deal to declare about the matter, and what he had to say would have been most stimulating.

What concerns me in the story, however, is the sad confession that these people knew nothing about the Holy Spirit. I wonder if it is wrong to suggest that this is the tragedy that keeps on repeating itself? We find a man like Norman Dunning telling us that "until the Twentieth Century the world knew very little about the doctrine of the Holy Spirit." He doesn't deny that "church history is full of the records of the lives of Spirit-filled men and women," but he goes on to insist "that there is very scanty information about the doctrine of the Holy Spirit." We may, or may not, agree with him, but one thing does seem clear, and that is that there are many Christians who do not appear to be very clear about the Holy Spirit — his person, his purpose, and his power. Yet these very same people long to know the fullness of the Spirit in their own lives.

If we make a careful study of all that the New Testament has to say about the Holy Spirit we will come to four very significant conclusions. Each is very important to us as Christian people.

First, the Holy Spirit is always wanting

Completely to Control Us.

This is the first heartening thought! He stands, waiting to assume complete control. He wants to receive all the keys of the Christian's life — the key of the picture gallery of the imagination, the key of the mind and all its mental processes,

the key of the library from which we take our books, the key of the recreation room, where our leisure hours are spent, the key of the dining room and our physical appetites, the key of the drawing room and our social life, the key of the office and our business life, the key of the secret room and our spiritual life.

This control, which comes when we are "filled with the Holy Spirit," is what the Church, and the Christian, both need desperately today. For, it's not in an overhaul of our machinery or a revision of our methods, it's not in better organisation, or improved programmes, it is not in a more liberal supply of men and money (good as all these things are) that we find the power we need today. That power comes when we are completely controlled by the Spirit of God, for as our Master said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1: 8). This is the essential and fundamental source of our power.

Second, the Holy Spirit is always readily

Available to Help Us.

Jesus had surprisingly little to say about the Holy Spirit in the way of direct teaching, but what he did have to say is of supreme importance. Most of it is found in four glorious chapters in the Gospel of John (3, 14, 15, 16). Apart from these, he only made three direct references. One of these was Luke 11: 13, where he refers to the gift of the Holy Spirit. Another was Luke 12: 10-13, where reference is made to what men call "the unpardonable sin," which is followed by a very lovely promise of help for one of life's hours of emergency. The final mention is Acts 1: 8 (made after the Resurrection and just before the Ascension), where we are told that power comes to the believer with the coming of the Holy Spirit. From these passages we learn that the Holy Spirit is a Gift, a Person, and a Friend.

Apart from these three main references, most of what our Lord has

to say about the Holy Spirit is found in John's record, where the word used frequently is one which means "Helper."

A fully developed Christian life can only come as we are filled by God's Spirit. In Old Testament times we read of men, like Gideon, who literally became "the garments of God," for we are told that "the Spirit of the Lord clothed himself with Gideon" (Judges 6: 34). In an even lovelier sense, that should apply to us as Christians.

When Paul said, "Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5: 18), he used a word which literally meant "keep on being filled" . . . for when we are first filled with God's Spirit that is not a final act but an initial process. The thing to remember in all this is that he fills our lives that he might help us to live a radiant, resolute, revolutionary Christian life.

Third, the Holy Spirit is always personally

Waiting to Instruct Us.

He conveys to us the sense of God's activity towards us, and reminds us that the Eternal Father is still seeking to invade human life today in order to guide, lead and instruct.

As we just noticed in John, the Holy Spirit is often called "the Helper." He is also called "the Remembrancer." Just look at a verse like John 14: 26: ". . . the Comforter . . . shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Yes, the Holy Spirit is a Teacher (the best we can have), and he

- guides into all truth (John 14: 26),
- reveals the things of Christ (John 16: 14),
- directs the decisions of the Church (Acts 15: 28),
- makes known the future (Acts 21: 11).

He can teach us, too, because he is the One who inspires the Scriptures, for as Peter reminds us, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1: 21). So here we have another heartening thought about the Holy Spirit. He is always personally waiting to instruct, inform, and inspire the true people of God. Without the help of the Holy Spirit there can be no such thing as a complete understanding of the Christian faith.

Fourth, the Holy Spirit is always extremely

Glad to Use Us.

The Holy Spirit, Who came in his fulness on the Day of Pentecost, is the same we need above everything else today, to bring a rebirth of the conviction that the power of God is available here and now to men like us.

It is the sure testimony of the Scriptures, and Christian history, and our own personal experience, that God uses Spirit-filled men. It is the undeniable truth that . . .

- o when the disciples met for prayer

they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4: 31);

- when Peter stood up to preach he was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4: 8);
- when Paul dealt with Elymas the sorcerer he was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13: 9).

Yes, God uses Spirit-filled men. The possibilities of a life controlled by the Spirit are beyond imagination. If all we, as Christians, were really filled with the Spirit of God to overflowing, and if this were the normal experience of the Christian Church today, that Church would be revolutionised

and transformed, and the citadels of sin would shake to their foundations.

Are you saying, "True, but how?" Just by doing this — humbly, sincerely, believingly — open wide the doors of your life and simply say to him, "Come." And he will! Simple? Yes, but this is the glory of the Christian faith. Four steps are involved — asking, taking, honoring, and obeying. Let us just ask in faith, saying . . .

"I take the promised Holy Ghost,
I take the power of Pentecost,
To fill me to the uttermost,
I take — he undertakes."



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Return to New Guinea

R. Chamberlain.

We arrived at Pir on Wed., Feb. 14, and this is the first mail that we are able to get out from here. First of all, some information about our journey to the Field. Alan and Margaret Fletcher and I immediately started to talk about things, even as we were flying across to Sydney. The Bulolo trip was restful, though a little rougher than desired between Sydney and Brisbane, and Cairns and Pt. Moresby. Elaine was quite sick over these two sections of the trip. We met the folk in Brisbane and Townsville; Brisbane brethren very kindly arranged a tour of the city, so we saw the sights, and as the children were being minded, Elaine and I were able to enjoy it without interruption. Brisbane committee shared an evening with us. We chatted about the work, and showed the series of slides. While in Townsville we saw Frank Beale's parents, and they also showed us around. We were much impressed with the size and beauty of both Townsville and Cairns. We also saw the Townsville church folk. We saw their new manse and grounds for the new chapel. Ray Veal came across with his wife from Charters Towers, so we renewed College memories, as well as discussing their prospects as recruits for the Indian field.

While at Pt. Moresby we saw the Education Dept. and we received good answers to quite a few queries. Both Margaret and Alan enquired about registering in their various fields. We arrived at Lae in just enough time to observe the total eclipse of the sun. It was a fascinating sight to



Dr. R. Williams,
missionary-elect, India.

see the strange light of the partial eclipse, then the "too dark" of the total eclipse. The natives of a large part of the territory were frightened of the expected darkness of the eclipse. Some unscrupulous groups took advantage of the event, and terrified the natives with threats of various kinds, so much so that the news sessions in pidgin (for New Guinea) and Police Motu (for Papua) were telling the natives to take no notice of the threats.

On our arrival at Madang we found that we were not able to keep to arranged charter times for the flight to Awar, as the Lutheran Mission Conference was being held, and all planes were being used for that. So Alan and Margaret stayed with John and Loreen Stanhope,

while Elaine and I and the children stayed first in the Lutheran Mission Guest House, and then in the C.W.A. cottage till the Tuesday, when we all flew in the new Lutheran Dornier to Awar, and then walked in to Tung on a dry track. (The wet season is particularly late this year in starting.)

At Awar we were met by Frank Beale and quite a large group of natives. Only about 20 were really needed to help with the cargo, but 35 turned up. Frank had the new Land Rover at the strip, and we put the luggage on board, climbed in on top, and drove around to Nubia plantation. The speedo already registered nearly 700 miles. It is fulfilling a great need, even being used only on the coast as at present. It should be possible to get the Land Rover to Tung this dry season.

We were met at Tung by eight other members of the staff. It was Barrie's birthday, so we all shared the evening meal, which doubled as a welcome and birthday tea. On the Wednesday, Elaine and I walked on to Pir, to be warmly welcomed by Dorothy and the school children and many adults. The house had been



Mrs. R. Williams,
missionary-elect, India.

decorated by the children in native fashion, and they had also strung up quite a few placards which said, "Welcome Home." And indeed, we were home, and it was good to be home.

Canoe Mishap

Yesterday Jan and Margaret Fletcher were bringing up our cargo from Bunapas to the Minung Passage, so that our carriers would only

have a short carrying distance as compared with Bunapas to Tung, and then Tung to Pir. They were using the double canoes, and just below the Minung passage the shorter canoe swamped, with the result that a lot of stores went into the Ramu as the decking tilted. Jan, in an attempt to save the cargo, got into the river and held some of the goods to prevent them slipping into the water. Both Jan and Margaret escaped un-

hurt, but they were shaken by the experience. Fortunately for Elaine and me, most of our personal things that we sent up from Australia were saved, although the cases have been soaked. One of our tin trunks was lost and there is no possibility of retrieving it, as it is in fairly deep water, and it would need a miracle ever to locate it in the muddy water of the Ramu. This case contained a dinner set for Dorothy Howden. Another possible personal item missing is our typewriter. There is also a lot of Board stuff such as rice, fish, salt and possibly some of our personal stores as well. The two mattresses that were to be used by Alan and Margaret got soaked, but they were rescued, and are at the moment drying out, so I'm hoping that they won't be spoiled.

Total Loss Mission Cargo — New Hebrides

A cable from the New Hebrides advises that the Yanawai, the Burns Philp inter-island vessel, struck a reef and sank at Ndui Ndui. All Mission cargo (which included medicine, groceries, building material and a new engine for the Mission launch) was lost. Total value of the goods was £1,665, and an insurance claim has been lodged. Loss to the Mission in freight and customs is approximately £400.

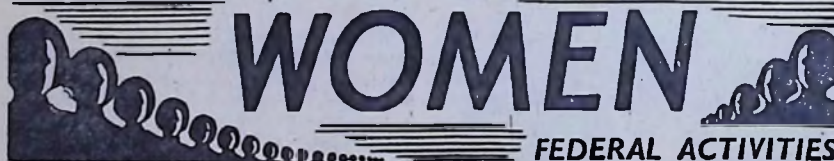


Mr. Ray Veal,
missionary-elect, India.



Mrs. R. Veal,
missionary-elect, India.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



W.C.W.F. PRAYER FOR MARCH

For the women in Thailand, New Zealand, Australia. May they be conscious of the power of God and say with Paul, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4: 13).

Interstate News

TASMANIA.

All C.W.F. in Tasmania have recommenced since Christmas vacation. Representatives from 8 C.W.F. groups joined in conference at Devonport on Sunday afternoon, March 4. The Tasmanian President, Mrs. C. J. Robinson, chaired the meeting. Greetings came from Federal President, Mrs. Holt, who also asked all sisters to prepare and pray for Federal Conference. Greetings were also brought by the Vic.-Tas. President, Mrs. Amos, who later in the afternoon gave a very challenging address. Mrs. Amos had a very full itinerary whilst in Tasmania, but all groups were stirred by her challenging message.

Women had a very successful year of service; isolated groups in the north and south of the State have been visited by city groups. Fellowship with southern sisters was enjoyed by Mrs. E. Heard (returned from India), also Mrs. Tom Street (U.A. Mission). Southern sisters assisted with badge selling for Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mrs. Jones presided over the March monthly meeting at Grote-st. on Thursday, 1st. There were 176 delegates present, and a total attendance of 214. Devotions were conducted by Semaphore C.W.F.

Mrs. Randell gave a greeting from the Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Welcome was expressed by the President to ministers' wives meeting with us for the first time — Mrs. Thoday (Semaphore), Mrs. Austin (Queenstown), Mrs. Marriott (Hampstead Gardens) and Mrs. Ewers (Elizabeth). Matron Killmier, of the Youth Hostel, was also present, and gave a greeting.

Representatives were present from Gawler C.W.F., and these folk hope to meet with us regularly.

The Obituary report was presented by Mrs. Pillar, and prayer was voiced by Mrs. Outlaw.

The first of two Women's Camps planned for 1962 will now be held at Nioka, Mount Lofly, a Presbyterian Camp site, May 4-6. The theme will be **A Layman Builds a Christian Home**. Mrs. Keith Horne is the registrar.

Mrs. Roberts, Leader of the Hospital Dept., reported having distributed to hospital patients at Christmas-time over 700 parcels given by our women. We sincerely thank her tireless committee for so willingly doing this work on our behalf.

Promise for the Month: Genesis 8: 22. God's promise to Noah: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."—Barbara B. Fitzgerald, Asst. Sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Devotions for March were prepared by the Wembley Fellowship, led by Mrs. Moignard. Mrs. Stewart welcomed all sisters present, especially Mrs. Flood (Dalkeith-rd.), Miss Dorothy Butler (Carnarvon; Federal Living Link), Mrs. Stirling and Mrs. Seaby, snr. We were very pleased to

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Hands Across the Tasman

N.Z. Newsletter, from Bruce Burn.

HOSPITAL CHAPELS' APPEALS

during 1961 had considerable success in the raising of funds to provide for chapels in these medical and mental hospitals. House-to-house canvasses brought excellent results in the centres concerned.

NATIONAL COUNCIL NOTES.

It was disclosed at the Annual Meeting that a record amount of £46,500 (N.Z.) had been gifted to the 1960 Christmas Bowl Appeal. This is approx. £58,000 (Aus.) The target had been £35,000 (N.Z.). In 1958 the response was £15,600 from 593 congregations.

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have greetings from Miss Butler and Mrs. Flood. Mrs. Stewart also took the opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon a very happy time of family rejoicing as they celebrate their golden wedding on March 20.

Prayer text was then shared from Phil 3: 13. Roll call of Fellowships showed that 103 sisters were present; apologies 9. Financial statement as read by Mrs. Calladine showed a balance in hand of £967/4/3. At the conclusion of the offering, Mrs. Stewart gave thanks.

Our plans for Women's Conference on April 18 are well under way, and the Secretary read the suggested programme for the day. We are looking forward to a rich time of fellowship with our country sisters, and any sisters from the Eastern States will be most welcome.

The prayer for Missions and missionaries was offered by Mrs. Bridge.

Reports. — Overseas: Mrs. Gordon gave several items of news concerning our missionaries and their doings — our Living Link, Mrs. Ludgater, had received our Christmas parcel and the tape recording made by members of the Executive. Aborigine: Mrs. J. Pallot — pray for all children going to school at Carnarvon; also for new workers needed, voluntary domestic or missionaries. Christian Guest Home: Mrs. Cooper asked for support in prayer and giving for new Infirmary at Guest Home — as the money is now available, foundations for two cottages on the property will go down within a few weeks. Home Mission: Pray for Mr. Bond as he conducts a mission at Bruce Rock in March.

Wooroloo: Mrs. Verge gave items of news of visits — Mrs. Lamont is having 18-20 people attending devotion services at Wooroloo. There being no further business Mrs. Collins closed with prayer. — P. Reid, Sec.

A consultation will be held this year between 30 people from Universities and Churches concerned with racial group relations in this country.

Maoris urged that work toward unity should become a matter of urgency as the only way to combat the rising force of "sects" working with the Maori population.

The Churches now have 6 full-time and 10 part-time chaplains in the prisons of N.Z. under the Justice Department.

Because of the withdrawal of Dutch medical and university staff from Indonesia, the Christian Council there has made an urgent appeal to N.Z. for help. It has been agreed to support up to five workers from N.Z. of over 80 vacancies that exist. The September issue of *Church and Community* (official organ of the N.C.C.) made an appeal for "strategic medical and educational appointments in Indonesia." The N.C.C. will be responsible for travel, salary and accommodation for an initial period of three years. Honors Graduates in English, Church History, Mathematics, History, Christian Education, Sociology and German and Medical Workers as G.P.s., specialists in surgery, obstetrics, lung diseases, maternity and pediatrics are required.

In the New Year Honors List, the O.B.E. was awarded to A. A. Brash, the energetic secretary of the N.C.C.

BROTHERHOOD ROUNDUP.

The Historic Tabernacle in Great King St., Dunedin, has been demolished. A. B. Maston, in his *Jubilee History*, recounts how the ground on which it was built was purchased for £200 in 1870. The Tabernacle was opened for worship in 1871. In more recent years the congregation moved to St. Andrew St. and the Tabernacle was sold to other interests.

First reports indicate that for the first year of operation of the *Brotherhood Budget*, more has been given to the work of the various Committees than in any previous year. Many churches have improved their giving considerably, others have dropped back. Some evaluation has still to be made, but it appears that the scheme will be a success if it can grow at its own pace, rather than demand too much in the early years.

A two-day session of General Executive late in 1961 gave special attention to the D.A.P. (*Brotherhood Budget*) and to long-range planning for the whole of our work. Committees were handed the task of preparing material to be dealt with at the next meeting.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Why are our church business meetings so dull?

Since I've never been to one of your church business meetings, I don't know how dull they are, but I can guess! But I do not admit that a business meeting need be dull. A church business meeting should consider the business of the Kingdom in the presence of the King, and (ideally) nothing could be more interesting and exciting than this.

It is evident, however, that a church business meeting can be no better than the church itself. If the church is not alive, its business sessions can't be anything but dead — and dull! If the church is alive and active, its business meetings will surely be interesting.

It may help if the following suggestions are kept in mind when planning and conducting a business meeting: 1. Don't spend too much time looking backward. If possible, have reports edited, shortened, typed and duplicated for reading by members before the meeting. 2. Do include on the agenda any item in the reports that needs further action. 3. Don't talk too much about little things. Think big about Christ and his Church! 4. Do come to the meeting with a sense of purpose and destiny. The people have a right to expect the Board to have practical and progressive plans, and that the minister, chairman, and secretary will have planned the agenda carefully. 5. Do have a chairman who will curb the belligerent, coax the reluctant, and protect the simple without offending any. 6. Don't leave important items until people are fatigued out. Too often, the big Kingdom business is left until folk are either worn out or gone home — or both! 7. Do encourage anything that comes from the floor of the meeting if it could reasonably be expected to advance the church and exalt Christ. 8. Don't introduce personal matters or personalities unless the following tests are applied and passed: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

The business meeting should make the newest member glad he came, and every member more deeply committed to the worship, service, and evangelism of the church. There is no excuse for a dull business meeting.

Next week: Alcohol at wedding receptions.

HERE AND THERE

Would Vic.-Tas. C.W.F.'s please note that there will be no April Council meeting. All are asked to remember Women's Conference Day, Lygon-st. chapel, April 11. Sessions at 10.30. 2 p.m., 7.30 p.m. Come and enjoy the rich fellowship. Please remember also Choral Society Concert, Lygon-st. chapel, Thurs., April 5, 8 p.m.—Netta Newham, Sec.

During March, Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon (well remembered for helpful ministries) celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were married in the Grote-st. chapel, Adelaide, by the late J. E. Thomas, on March 20, 1912. The event was celebrated with a family dinner at King's Park on the eve of the anniversary, the presence of their three children being made possible by the arrival from Tasmania of their only daughter, Coralie (Mrs. W. D. Hemmings), who brought her two youngest children with her. "Open house" was extended to the couple's many friends throughout the anniversary day. Their present address is 80 Angove-st., Nth. Perth, W.A.

In Victoria, the Y.W.C.A. is seeking the interest and support of the churches in its £50,000 appeal, being launched on April 1.

At the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference, to be held from April 11 to 17, the Churches of Christ Choral Society will play a prominent part. Conductor Valentine Woff desires to augment the choir for the occasion, and invites singers to attend a combined rehearsal to be held in the Collins-st. Baptist church on Sunday, April 8, at 2.45 p.m. Singers are requested to take copies of the "Crucifixion" and "Olivet to Calvary" to the rehearsal. Other music will be supplied by the Society. The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive hopes that many will respond to this appeal and thus contribute to the inspiration of the Conference rallies.

The Vic.-Tas. Ministers' Wives' Association will hold their Conference luncheon at the Churches of Christ Centre on Wed., April 11, when the country wives are invited to be their guests. An invitation is extended to all suburban members and to wives of our College students. Please come and make this a time of fellowship.—May Shaw, Sec.

The church at Cottesloe, W.A., has farewelled its minister, A. J. Griffiths, Mrs. Griffiths and Dawn, prior to their departure for Prospect, S.A. Words of appreciation were expressed

by local and brotherhood representatives and presentations made.

The Geelong (Vic.) B.S. Teachers' Regional Conference will be held at Latrobe-terr. chapel, Geelong, on Sat., April 7, at 2.30 p.m., under the auspices of the B.S. Committee of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education. All B.S. teachers in the Geelong area are invited to attend the above conference.

In a recent phone call we were asked whether there would be an opportunity given to readers to reply to, or comment on, views expressed by A. E. White in our new column, "Questing." We assured our caller that nothing would please either Mr. White or the Editor more than to have some worthwhile discussions in the "Open Forum," prompted by this column. We welcome letters on all subjects in which our readers generally are interested, with the normal proviso that such letters do not exceed three hundred words in length.

All members of the Federal C.O.B. Women Students' Association are reminded that their tea and Annual Meeting will be held on Wed., April 11, at 5.30, at the Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne.—E. Ryall.

Mrs. Menzies, a loved member of Subiaco (W.A.) church, was the recipient of best wishes, congratulations and floral gifts on the occasion of her hundredth birthday.

Shepparton (Vic.) church has received with regret the announcement of T. A. Fergusson's decision to terminate his ministry there on completion of his 4th year in March, 1963.

G. H. Earle, who has completed five years' ministry with the church at Inverell, N.S.W., has commenced another term with that church.

Some 36 ministers and laymen are planned to meet in Washington Cathedral on April 9-10 to discuss the merger of four great Churches, as suggested last year by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church in U.S.A. Dr. Blake says that the Washington Cathedral meeting will constitute the formal issuing of an invitation from the Presbyterians and the Episcopalians to the United and Methodist Churches to take part in union talks. So far, the United Presbyterians and the Episcopalians have agreed to join in such talks. The United Church has said it would

"respond affirmatively" if invited to take part. But the Methodist Church has not had an opportunity to act officially. The Commission on Church Union, however, has power to take part in the discussions, but any proposed action would have to be approved by the Methodist General Conference. Representatives of other Church bodies would also have to submit any final scheme of union to their denominational conventions for approval.

The manse of the church at Kingaroy, Qld., has now been moved to a new position, and removal of the church building is in progress.

The Ecumenical Press Service reports the death, in Los Angeles, of Prof. Edgar J. Goodspeed, at the age of 90. Best known as a New Testament translator, his American Translation of the New Testament, published in 1923, brought him wide fame, though some critics alleged it was "as much an anachronism to put the Gospels into colloquial terms as it would be to put pants on the twelve Apostles." Prof. Goodspeed was one of the scholars responsible for the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament (1946).

Extensive preparations are being made by the Christian Endeavor workers in Sydney for the meetings of the 14th World C.E. Convention, to be held in that city next August.

F. Rees, student minister at Coburg, Vic., has accepted a further three-year term with that church from the end of May, 1962.

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Monbulk Rebuilding

Monbulk Rebuilding Appeal now stands at £1,240.

Amongst the gifts received some came from aged people.

Mr. Russell, 94 years, of Ballarat.

Miss Griffin, 93 years, of South Yarra.

Miss Dyer, 86 years, of South Yarra.

We deeply appreciate this concern for youth work by these dear people.

Excavation work in readiness for rebuilding has now been completed.

Plans for the new camp buildings have been approved and tenders are being called. The new house for Mr. and Mrs. Searle is well advanced and will be ready soon after Easter.

Calls for volunteer work teams will go out to the churches as certain jobs need to be done.

The Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education is grateful for the help already given, and for the gifts received and promised.—L. A. Trezise (Director).



The World Is Getting Bigger

How big the world must have seemed to explorers like Leif Ericson, Columbus and Balboa centuries ago as they sailed uncharted seas.

How exciting the world must have seemed to Guglielmo Marconi as he heard the first wireless radio message plucked right out of the sky!

How vast the possibilities of invention must have seemed to Thomas Edison as he watched the first incandescent lamp glimmer and glow in a wide, wide world.

To missionary pioneers, too . . . like William Carey who travelled half-way around the world to influence the entire nation of India for Christ . . . Adoniram Judson who planted the first Christian church in Burma . . . C. T. Studd of Africa and Hudson Taylor of China . . . to these the world seemed big indeed.

But it is bigger — much bigger — today. Bigger not only in the size of its population, but in opportunities or service.

Once a missionary doctor did well if he could minister to the people in one remote village station. Now with better medical equipment and faster travel he can reach many times more patients in the same time.

A missionary printer once had his hands full keeping up with the reading demands of a small circulation. Now with high-speed presses that can ink, fold, stitch and trim gospel books and pamphlets with lightning speed, he can flood great areas with colorful, attractive Christian literature for vast reading audiences, reaching more people in a month perhaps than an early pioneer reached throughout his entire lifetime.

Missionaries who once spent months probing the jungles or reaching far back into remote Arctic villages can now speed there in a matter of hours with dependable aircraft on weekly, sometimes daily, flight schedules.

To be sure, there is a sense in which the world today is shrinking as the result of jet-age travel, of world-wide communications and of wider cultural exchanges between peoples of earth. But the "opportunity mil-

stones" of today will soon be forgotten as we reach new ones tomorrow.

And for the Christian, these opportunities bring responsibility — an accountability to "go" farther and faster into all the world to "preach the gospel to every creature."

Yesterday the job was big, but today it is bigger. Yesterday the vision was far-reaching, but today it must be broadened even more. Only as you pray and give can these ministries increase in a world that is getting bigger and bigger all the time.

The Lord Jesus Christ knew the size of the earth when he gave his parting command, even though the disciples were not fully aware of its immensity. And we can be sure he had all of it in mind.—World Vision.

Young People — Beware!

As the latest statistics show that one in every four homes is affected by alcoholism, that means that your home, or the home of one of three relatives, holds a potential alcoholic.

Whether we are Christians or not, it is still quite amazing to find how apathetic and indifferent people are to the fact that in Australia we have over 300,000 alcoholics. I think part of the reason for this is that people generally don't know what alcoholism is, or what devastating effects it has on family and community life. A lot of people don't see any harm or danger in an occasional drink with meals, or at parties, etc. But the liquor traffic knows very well what it is doing, frequently choosing the young people for its special attention.

How easily both young and old let others do their thinking for them! The poster that says, "Drink good beer, it's good for you" — how many take those words for what they are worth, without analysis of the truth of the matter. Beer is not good, and it is not good for you, because it has an alcoholic content, and alcohol is a narcotic drug and a poison. The effect on the human organism is the same whether small or large doses are taken.

The brewers in one of their journals stated this fact: "Yearly thousands of alcohol drinkers die." Quite evidently this worries them (alcohol drinkers don't live as long as total abstainers), because in a later journal they realise that a large number of young people are reaching drink-

ing age, and will provide a large market for their products. The article goes on to say, "This should be the best group of beer drinkers to come along in a long while, because more of these people have been served beer in their own homes, and they come to accept it as a perfect social beverage." Could there be a more selfish and callous view of the rising generation? The welfare of the home — the foundation of the nation's strength, security and fitness — doesn't matter so long as the profits pour into the publican's purse.

The brewer knows quite well what his products do. This advertisement from a Yorkshire Post proves it: "Wanted — chauffeur, must be experienced with Rolls Royce cars, accustomed to night driving, clean record, total abstainer essential. Apply Managing Director, Brewery, Leeds." He does not mind his liquor in the driver of other cars, but he would not have it in the driver of his own car.

When alcohol is taken into the body, the brain cells, which are associated with judgment and self-control, are the first affected. Alcohol wipes out the best bit, the keen edge of muscle and nerve, the fine impulsive process of thought, and those powers whereby we communicate with and become part with the Divine and Highest. A cocktail party starts with people mixing drinks and ends with drinks mixing people.—Alice M. Evans, Balwyn, Vic.

There Was a Man

There was a man who smiled
Because the day was bright;
Because he slept at night;
Because God gave him sight
To gaze upon his child!
Because the distant sun
Smiled on the earth, he smiled.
He toiled and still was glad
Because he loved, and she
That claimed his love and he
Shared all the joys they had!
Because the grasses grew;
Because the sweet wind blew;
Because that he could hew
And hammer, he was glad.

—L. E. Kiser.

FACE THE SUN!

Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk.
Don't think of your worries, but think of your work.
The worries will vanish, the work will be done,
No man sees his shadow who faces the sun!



Discipleship

Margaret Campbell, Pearl Warren, Suzanne Richardson, Caveside-Mole Creek, Tas.

Bruce Jones, Gardiner, Vic.

Mrs. Openshaw, Moreland, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Patterson, Cheryl Conn, Adele Henry, Elaine Geake, Jack and Bill Keenan, John Wilson, John Schmode, Peter and Alan Heath, Paul Grdovic, Graeme Batley, Noel Freeman, Maidstone, Vic.

Mrs. Harris, Lorraine and Alan Harris, Trevor Bishop, Loxton, S.A.

Ian Tosh, Ron Todd, Hampstead Gardens, S.A.

Ian Filmer, Cliff Lamprey, Enfield Heights, S.A.

Janet and James Elliott, Tina Rosenthal, Dalkeith-rd., W.A.

Bruce Towns, Ormond, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. Batley, Salvation Army to Maidstone, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, from Sunshine, Vic.; Mr. McConachie, from Southport, Qld., to North Williamstown, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailes, Rosewood to East Ipswich, Qld.

A. Jones, Forestville, S.A. to Mosman, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Coombs, from Albert Park; Mrs. McPhartin, Miss McPhartin, from Balaklava, to Hampstead Gardens, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lohse, Maryborough to Dalby, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. E. McMurtrie, Pt. Lincoln to Beverley, S.A.

Marriage

Fay Langley to George Himsworth, Bendigo, Vic.

Helen Watt to Anthony Taylor; Marion Richards to Allan McNeill, Gardiner, Vic.

Grace Akam to Jim Sinclair; Margaret Gayther to Barry Ward, Moreland, Vic.

Jeanette Creswell to Bernie Meier, East Ipswich, Qld.

Miss L. Brownrigg to D. Nation, Northcote, Vic.

Beryl Kent to Bruce Marston, Oakleigh, Vic.

Lyn Seaby to Graham Black, Dalkeith-rd., W.A.

Miss J. Coxhill to E. Trewella, East Preston, Vic.

Janice North to Keith Holt, Ormond, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. R. Whitehead, Gardiner, Vic.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Cottesloe. — At youth tea, Mar. 4, Mrs. Bockman, wife of Government doctor on Bogia, gave interesting talk on life and habits of New Guinea natives, and a day spent with Margaret and Allen Fletcher. Mrs. Stewart (Women's Conf. Pres.) conducted dedication service on opening night of C.W.F. B.S. picnic enjoyed by many at Coogee, Mar. 17. At morning service, 18th, two Y.P. baptised.

Morawa (G. Powell). — 24-hour day of prayer held each Wed. in preparation for fortnight's mission with G. Smith (Subiaco), commencing Mar. 25. Members ill are Sis. K. Wornes and R. Carslake, and G. A. Carslake. Interesting evening held with Bruce Smoker (U.A.M.). Combined Women's World Day of Prayer service, convened by C.W.F., held in chapel. Surprise evening tendered George Carslakes on occasion of silver wedding anniversary.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — New hall progressing; annual meeting record attendance; working bees supervised by minister. Graeme Black recipient of many gifts on his marriage, in appreciation of work in all depts. Miss Gwen Wellings and John Brown in hospital. Mr. Shepherd and Mrs. Wishart back in fellowship after sickness. Ray Wishart received presentations on departure to Geraldton. Officers expressed appreciation of his faithful services in B.S. and as deacon. Miss Helen Maiden's imminent departure for New Hebrides; recommendation that suitable financial backing be given from Subiaco in this venture. Miss Judith Gordon nursing during holidays to help staff position through sickness. Film evenings given by Miss P. Whittaker and G. Nelson on overseas tours. Treas. reports increase of £2,000 overall 1961 giving.

TASMANIA

Caveside - Mole Creek. — On Mar. 4, V. Longthorp (Dept. Christian Educat., Vic.-Tas.) addressed church. At afternoon meeting Mr. Longthorp and E. Heard (India) each spoke. Then Mr. Heard showed slides at Mole Creek, and gave gospel message. Mr. Longthorp, Glenys Harvey and Laurel Campbell gave message in song with John Heard (Hobart) at the organ. On Mar. 18, H. Street (Africa) showed slides and told of his work in the Sudan.

QUEENSLAND

East Ipswich - Leichhardt (R. Ackland). — Gospel services show marked increase. C.W.F. sent parcel to Burdeu House fair. 26 members attended quarterly rally, Rosewood. Two received by transfer from Rosewood. Mr. Ludgater, snr., in hospital, also Sis. Ambrose. Visitors were Sis. L. Oakes (Lismore), Ross Nielson (Ayr) and Miss Nielson. Av. communicants, 125.

Camp Hill (K. J. Harvey). — All auxiliaries well into year's work, and church has commenced boys' and girls' clubs and C.M.S. B.S. held prize-giving and promotion day in Feb. in conjunction with morning worship service. This proved to be great success, 125 being present. Av. attendance Feb.: a.m., 98; p.m., 47. C.W.F. concentrating on sewing for Missions, and a special missionary day is planned. Evening and day meetings of C.W.F. being held. Wednesday night fellowship is new feature of work, when members meet for prayer, Bible study, missionary evenings, etc., with some members going out on visitation after the period of prayer. After only 4½ yrs. of organised activities in area, church has membership of 80. God has indeed blessed. There is need of more space to accommodate all church activities. Church thanks God for leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey. Annual church business meeting, Mar. 3, with following elected to office: elder, R. Cardew; deacons, B. Scott, D. Cranston, D. Collins, F. Ray, R. Tinney, Geo. Mackay, Geoff. Mackay, G. Stevens, Des. McLucas and Don McLucas.

Toowoomba (A. C. Thurrowgood - H. J. Finger). — Healthy state of church work shown by auxiliary reports at annual church meeting. Election of deacons: F. Winter (sec.),

A. Mortensen (treas.), H. Christensen (asst.-treas.), E. Grenfell (asst.-sec.), C. Dunn, R. Hole, H. Hansen, H. Large, M. Muller, C. Noble, H. Scholl; B.S. supt., Central, A. King; Harlaxton, H. Christensen; Crown-st., K. Paton. Church endorsed plan prepared by F. N. Winter and presented by H. Christensen for new hall at the approx. cost of £25,000. Finance committee of B. Bade, W. Savill, L. Enchelmaier, N. Potter, R. Smart to control appeal. Monthly missionary prayer meeting held at Mylo, when H. Finger showed slides of recent visit to New Hebrides for opening of new chapel. Items by Ruth and Arthur Thurrowgood appreciated. Congratulations extended to Allan C. Male, on sharing prize for final year student at C.O.B. with Sonny Graham. Y.P.F. gift of £130 at annual meeting toward Hall Building Fund is example to church. After many years as collector for League of 500, A. Bernoth asked to be relieved, and H. Sturkenburg was appointed in his stead. Mylo annual meeting held, 12th, when E. Grenfell, W. Savill and R. Draney were re-appointed chairman, sec. and treas. Ladies' committee: Mesd. Draye, Skerman, Proud, re-elected. Acceptance of tender for building of Infirmary wing at Mylo announced to meeting. Appreciation expressed in reports of the many gifts received and work of matron and staff, ladies' committee and working bees. Visit of Conf. Pres., S. Chalmers, and members of State Social Service committee for the meeting was welcomed.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — At annual business meeting of church, Mar. 8, excellent reports from various depts. showed much had been accomplished during year. Following deacons were elected: W. Boland, G. Culs, Bulmer, Allen Mackie, Angus Mackie, S. McFettridge, A. Newman, T. Stone. Allen Mackie re-elected treas. C.W.F. participated in Women's World Day of Prayer, held in Presbyterian chapel, 9th.

Taree. — B.S. received much profit from visit arranged by Christian Education Dept., who came to district over weekend of Feb. 24. Led by Youth Director, R. Greenhalgh, group included Miss D. Fishburn, Miss B. Murray and Allan Anderson. Church appreciates this visiting team, who made return trip of 460 miles. On Lord's Day morning, R. Greenhalgh addressed church.

Mosman - North Balgowlah (L. E. Wylie - R. Davidson). — Midweek fellowship, Mar. 7, had as its guest Miss Cliff (B. & F. B. S.). On 11th, R. Davidson (Woolwich) commenced as asst. to work of North Balgowlah and Mosman, and spoke a.m., 11th,

at Mosman, and p.m., 18th, at North Balgowlah. In afternoon, fellowship tea held at North Balgowlah, combining with Mosman, and Deaf and Dumb Christian Crusade. At evening service at Mosman, 18th, Deaf and Dumb Christian Crusade took part in items and messages, interpreted by Miss Winn. There has been one addition by transfer. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Dunn (Vic.).

Tamworth (F. D. Craig). — Mr. and Mrs. Craig and family have settled into work. Both have been busy with door-to-door visitation, and result is new faces at services, B.S. and clubs. R. Greenhalgh has conducted teacher training classes. He also spoke at both services on the Sunday, there being over 100 present p.m. Over 100 at communion service, Mar. 11. C.W.F. annual meeting elected Mrs. Craig, pres.; Mrs. Crawford, vice-pres.; Mrs. Russell, treas.; Mrs. Muir, sec. Deaconesses were these, plus Mesd. Cann, Eagleton, Norris. Parcel of goods sent to Boys' Home fete as result of social held by ladies. Prayer fellowship numbers still increasing; 31 present recently. Anonymous gift of two carpet runners (for aisles) given to church.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Prospect (J. Chivell - interim). — Church welcomed E. Heard (India) as speaker at morning service, Mar. 18. After service Mr. Heard led discussion group, and Mrs. Heard addressed departments of B.S. on her missionary work. J. Chivell continues interim ministry and church is grateful for his help. Manse painted and other work carried out in readiness for arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths.

Hampstead Gardens (K. B. Marriott). — Record meetings at Harvest Thanksgiving services, Feb. 25. Goods donated to Christian Rest Home. Four welcomed by transfer and two decisions during Mar. M. Coombs morning organist. Youth group, under direction of Messrs. Marriott and Edge, catering for needs of Y.P., also men painting exterior of buildings.

Loxton (O. R. Clark). — Four decisions during Feb. B.S. progressing; 79 present, 25th, when H.M. organiser visited church; 14 on school staff. Harvest Festival services, Mar. 18, well attended. Many took part in evening service. Midweek prayer and Bible study proving helpful.

VICTORIA

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — All auxiliaries gave reports at half-yearly business meeting, Feb. 28. Decided to

cover floors of manse with new carpet. K.S.P. assisted a.m. service, Mar. 4. Soloist p.m., 11th, Mrs. Glen Brown. Many joined in C.M.S. picnic at Woodend, Labor Day. C.W.A.F. held Tupperware demonstration at home of Mrs. W. Easton, 14th. For their meeting on 14th, C.M.S. held film night, covering two recent C.M.S. tours. Alan Morgan has left to do year training at Dookie Agricultural College, and Heather Livett to do nursing training.

Surrey Hills (R. A. Ryall). — Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heard spoke p.m., Feb. 11, and showed slides at combined after-meeting. B.S. resumed with M. Carr as new supt. Picnic at Wandin South, 24th. L. G. Crisp, C. Young, L. A. Trezise, spoke during absence of minister at Inter-Church Conference. Church and auxiliaries honored Margaret Mott and Peter Wing Tang prior to marriage.

York-st., Ballarat (C. Terry). — Church busy with combined prayer meetings and preparations for Teenweek, Mar. 18-25, in Lower Civic Hall. Fellowship with sister churches for this occasion has been real joy. B.S. picnic, Creswick, Feb. 17. Harvest Thanksgiving service, Mar. 4. Speaker p.m., G. Lawrie (C.O.B.); Miss I. Groves also visitor. Miss Beverley Astbury has commenced her studies, C.O.B. John Stevens has entered University. Office-bearers elected for Ladies' Guild: pres., Mrs. B. Feary; vice-pres., Mrs. L. McNiece; sec., Mrs. H. Hewitt; treas., Mrs. H. McKay. Vote of thanks tendered to Mrs. F. Sherrieff for leadership over past 5 years. Two received into fellowship through transfer. Church assisting St. Arnaud and Stawell for Sunday services.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — 61 sat down to Loyalty tea, when budget scheme was launched; members enthusiastic. School hall and interior of buildings cleaned by working bees, led by Mrs. Pfeifer. Owing to attending school, H. Pfeifer, Jr., resigned from Official Board. A. Gray re-elected treas. Garden around chapel to be renovated. Eight new scholars in B.S. in 3 weeks. Presentation to Wendy Stamp on reaching majority. Musical help given by Ambassadors Male Quartet and Mrs. Willing.

Ararat (K. J. Hank). — All activities have commenced new year on strong note, under guidance of new minister. Av. attendances: 70 a.m., 65 p.m. Annual meeting well attended and elected following: deacons, F. Gason, R. Arnel, I. Reid, R. Selwood, Mrs. Biggin, Mrs. Welsh; sec., R. Johnstone; treas., I. Reid. On Mar. 9, R. McLean (Overseas Missions) showed slides of F.M. work to well attended meeting. Two baptisms recently. 9 Y.P. attended youth camp at Hall's Gap on Labor Day weekend. Ladies held afternoon at

home of Mrs. Selwood and raised £7 in aid of new camp at Monbulk. Attendances at midweek prayer meeting have risen to 30, and meeting is to take on additional form of Bible study. C.Y.F. commencing series of special meetings on Sunday nights. Fellowship after gospel service, Feb. 18, and presentation made to Judy and Peter Owen prior to departure to Glen Waverley.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — Annual business meeting held Mar. 14. Board election resulted: G. Doolan (elder), H. E. Langley (sec., 18th year), J. Glennister (treas.), C. F. Houston, E. L. Graham, K. S. Lacy (deacons). Formal assent granted Kangaroo Flat congregation to apply for Conference affiliation. B. Wells, student preacher Spring Gully, welcomed Mar. 3. Initial C.Y.F. evening, Mar. 15, well attended, including delegation from Harcourt. Minister appears regularly on BCY-8, presenting Epilogue. New ceiling and redecoration of school hall completed.

Balwyn (H. Steele - interim). — B.S. picnic at Black Rock, Mar. 17, well attended and quite successful. Midweek prayer meetings being conducted by different groups each week, creating greater interest. Monthly sing-song fellowship for Y.P. appreciated. P.B.P. came 3rd in annual sports. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, jun. and snr., welcomed. Visitation being maintained and work generally showing loyal support.

Marvborough (R. Pritchard). — Harvest Thanksgiving, Mar. 4; perishable goods to Men's Home; other goods to C.O.B. Business meeting of church, 14th. Election of officers: elder, A. Kennedy; deacons, R. Walker, S. Lunn, J. Foster, R. Bursill; sec., E. Branton; treas., A. Kennedy. Treasurer's report most encouraging, showing weekly offering of £55 since stewardship campaign 6 months ago. B.S. picnic held at Avoca, 17th. After-church fellowship, 18th, when opportunity taken to farewell Mr. and Mrs. C. Barker and family, going to Sunshine. Presentations made from church, Ladies' Aid, W.M.B. Working bees have greatly improved manse, including car-port, new fence, concrete drive. Committee has plans in hand for forthcoming centenary of church. Ladies held Tupperware party, 20th, proceeds to assist the Monbulk appeal.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — During minister's holidays speakers were E. L. Williams, A. A. Avery, Cr. Gayther (Mayor of Preston). Basketball club held church parade, Mar. 18. Church represented at quarterly prayer meeting at Ivanhoe. Church officers guests at C.Y.F. meeting, 16th. Mrs. P. Legg back in fellowship after her illness. Mrs. J. Timmins home, and R. Scott recovering, after surgical treatment.

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust). — K.S.P. won Pi Fraternal Orders sports, Mar. 12. Church families attended for picnic outing. D. C. Milne en route to England on business trip. Church sympathises with relatives of late Mrs. Dyson, snr. W.M.B. held picnic meeting, local gardens, 13th. Singer sewing machine demonstration at C.W.E.F., 14th. Three welcomed by transfer, 18th. M. Wakefield succeeds A. Haskell as B.S. supt. Mrs. Harris again in hospital.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Happy and informative time of fellowship experienced at missionary weekend, Mar. 10-11, when Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McLean were present. Mr. McLean (sec., Overseas Mission Board) screened pictures of Mission fields in India, New Hebrides and New Guinea on Saturday night, and addressed both services on Sunday. He also spoke to B.S. at Shepparton and Mooroonpa. Almost every available seat was occupied in chapel for worship service, Mar. 11. Several visitors welcomed.

Croydon (W. J. Thomson). — Meetings well attended. Presentation made to John Lowrie, entered C.O.B. Mrs. Dudley in hospital, progressing favorably. Baptismal service, Mar. 11. Y.P. attended the Eastern District camp at Frankston on Labor Day weekend. C.W.E.F. celebrated 2nd birthday meeting, 13th. Visitors present from Eastern District churches. Montrose ladies took devotions and Miss Jones screened film.

Morwell - Newborough (L. G. Armstrong). — Successful Harvest Thanksgiving day, Mar. 11. Gifts were parcelled and taken by members of C.W.A.F. to Emmaus Rest Home, where ladies spent pleasant afternoon with elderly guests. Men have held working bees to paint church buildings, the completed effort having done much to enhance property. New programme to cater for Y.P. is "Teens-time." Second get-together of teenagers took form of a house party at home of Mr. and Mrs. Little. 28 attended the evening, which was compered by G. Teese.

Moreland (G. A. Grainger). — Baptismal services, Mar. 4. Parents' and babies' dedication service, 11th, with special address to parents. At after-church fellowship, presentations were made to Grace Akam and Jim Sinclair, Margaret Gayther and Barry Ward, prior to marriage. On 12th, Y.P. held picnic at Emerald Lake. C.W.A.F. held picnic at Botanical Gardens, 14th. Midweek group combined with West Preston for prayer and fellowship with Moreland in charge of meeting, 14th. Social evening, 15th, to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Cheryl Treganowan, best wishes for overseas holiday. R. Story (U.F.M.) speaker at C.M.S. tea, 18th, and later presented film, *Were Sometimes Darkness*, at gospel service. Good Companions and Explorer clubs growing and I.C.E. commenced. Work in good heart under guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Grainger.

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BIRTHS

SOMERVILLE. — To Margaret and John, at Harvey, W.A., God's gift, a baby boy — Kevin John, born Mar. 9. Both well.

RHODES (Brooker). — On Mar. 15, 1962, at St. Andrew's, Melb., to Gwen and Dick — a daughter. Both well.

GOOCH (Smith). — On Mar. 14, 1962, at Frankston Community Hospital, Vic., to Betty and Les, a daughter — Bronwyn Joy.

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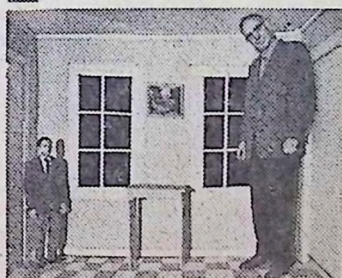
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Churches and Disarmament Conf.

The concern of Christians for the success of the United Nations-sponsored disarmament conference, which opened at Geneva, March 14, is expressed in a letter delivered on that morning to the heads of the delegations of the 18 participating nations by World Council of Churches official, Dr. O. Frederick Nolde.

The letter said that "the peoples of the world have suffered many disappointments in the course of the Twentieth Century as their leaders met to seek effective disarmament. Yet they cling to the hope that sufficient agreement may happily be reached before the hour is too late."

The letter lists five points which it says "can serve to dispel the suspicion which thwarts agreement on the technical steps towards disarmament." These are:

"-that, while responsibility for progress rests peculiarly upon the major powers, all governments—whether large or small—have a contribution to make and an obligation to meet;

that, as a manifestation of goodwill and a measure to relieve tension, governments promptly take such unilateral action bearing on disarmament as need not unduly endanger security nor prejudice forms of inspection and control;

— that, while utilising the agreement reached between the Soviet Union and the United States on Principles of Disarmament and subsequently approved by the United Nations General Assembly, steps be pressed without hesitation but also without rancor to ascertain where the same words and phrases are interpreted differently, and where they command agreement;

— that, while vital points of principle are at stake for all concerned, diligent and sincere effort be made to understand the difference as well as their motivation and to seek a viable accommodation;

— that, concurrently with concentration on disarmament, governments seek to co-operate in resolving political disputes which threaten the peace, in advancing a strategy of economic development for countries in need, and in opening the doors to permit people to be related to people in an open society of friendship and goodwill."

The letter further quotes from the Appeal to All Governments and Peoples adopted by the recent Third

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Late News

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — Excel-
lent attendances of late reached 175
a.m., and 140 p.m., for Harvest Fes-
tival, Mar. 11. Two adult decisions
and four reconsecrations recorded. 50
C.M.S. heard Reg. Werry (Brisbane),
11th. Combined B.S. Terrace and
Thomson, enjoyed picnic, Labor Day.
W.M.B. screened slides of burnt-out
Monbulk camp and took offering for
refurnishing.

Gardiner (F. A. Youens). — Fel-
lowship enjoyed with Mrs. Heard and
family (India), and Sexton family,
who have returned to New Guinea.
Minister indisposed, Feb. 25, and
speakers were Messrs. Sexton and
Story (both of U.F.M.). Tape-record-
ings from Barrie Richards (New
Guinea) played after another even-
ing service.

Kaniva (J. W. Way, B.Sc.). — An-
nual church meeting, Mar. 14; all
depts. forging ahead. A. F. Williams
re-elected sec. Explorer club started
year well, with attendance of 44.
Builders have commenced work on
new kinder. hall and toilet block.
E. L. Williams presented New Delhi
report to public meeting, 16th. Re-
sponse to bushfire appeal was £94
from circuit. Mr. and Mrs. McLean
visited church and gave first-hand
account of Mission work. Opportunity
taken to make presentation to Dr.
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