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New Christian Education Centre, Cheltenham, Vic.

On Sunday afternoon, Apr. 29, 1962, the Cheltenham church witnessed the fulfilment of plans that were made many months previously and culminated at the opening ceremony of the "Ray Barnett Christian Education Centre." The additional buildings and equipment, comprising a large hall, storeroom, kitchen, large meeting room and toilet facilities, were made possible by Ray Barnett, who made available to the church £10,000 for this purpose. Total cost of the project will be about £20,000. Many Saturdays of working bees prepared the surrounding area with shrubs and screenings for the opening day.

R. C. Bolduan (minister) welcomed the official visitors, including Members of Parliament, civic leaders, ministers of religion, the Vic.-Tas. Conference President, brotherhood representatives, architects and builders, and their wives. Charles Skase rendered vocal items. All who attended witnessed the ceremony from the tennis courts, and following the presentation of the key to Ray Barnett by Jack Clarke (representing the architects) inspection of the premises was made, followed by tea in the hall, provided by church ladies for about 400.

The Vic.-Tas. Conference President, C. G. Taylor, spoke at the evening service to a packed church of approximately 250 people. After a most inspiring address, four people made the good confession. The C.Y.F. after-church fellowship was held in the new meeting room (which is carpeted), and about 60 young people found they had more room than is usually found in private homes. Appreciation is expressed to all who shared in any

way toward making this day possible, especially to the church secretary, Clive Ward, who accepted the project of seeing that everything was attended to, and who spent many hours arranging the opening ceremony. —Roy W. Barnett.

THE NEW BUILDING

Owing to the church's limited accommodation and the unsuitability of the existing buildings to house the many varied activities associated with the church, it was decided by the Board of Management to reserve the

present Sunday school building exclusively for worship.

Before this could be done, it was necessary to construct a multi-purpose building capable of accommodating these associated activities.

Statistical records of our churches in Victoria indicate that Cheltenham has the largest Sunday School in the State, with a total enrolment of over 350.

It was necessary, therefore, that the new building should be capable of accommodating these young people.

To do this, it is intended that teenage classes will meet in the lounge room, and intermediate and primary classes in the hall of the new building.

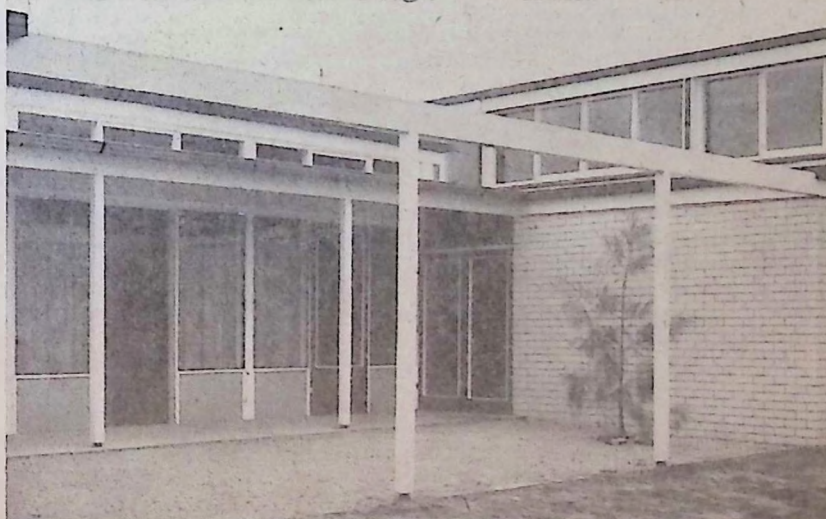
Special fittings have been designed and installed in the Hall to provide privacy and teaching aids for a number of classes, thus ensuring that the maximum advantage of the space available has been gained for use by our young people.

The Board also realised there was a need for a room where meetings could be conducted by the various women's auxiliaries.

Concern was also felt for the need to provide suitable space for a group of 60-70 teenagers who have been meeting in private homes after Sunday evening services.

The lounge was therefore provided and furnished mainly for these two purposes.

The main hall will provide for such activities as gymnasium classes, Explorer and Good Companion Clubs, Friday night Christian Fellowship of teenagers, and will be used for various special occasions. The kitchen serves both hall and lounge.



Portion of the new Christian Education Centre, Cheltenham, Vic., showing exterior of lounge room (left) and door to hall (right).



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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of May 16, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Census Shows Remarkable Increase.

The Commonwealth statistician having issued tables of the religions of the people as returned at the Census of 1911, it has been possible to make the following comparison with the results of the Census of 1901. Reviewing nine of the principal churches, it is worthy of note that only two of them have increased at a greater percentage than the total population increase of the Commonwealth, which was equal to 16.94 per cent, and these two bodies were the Presbyterian and the Church of Christ, with increases respectively of 31.03 per cent and 60.17 per cent.

Scoville Mission Plans, Melb. —

Simultaneous missions for one week start on May 26. The great central mission starts on June 2, in Wirth's Hippodrome at Princes Bridge, which has been secured by the Melbourne committee for four weeks at a cost of £50 a week. The Hippodrome will accommodate 3,500 people, and will make a splendid central auditorium. Seven hundred singers are wanted for the Mission Choir.

Protest at Sunday Pictures. — A

deputation from the local churches waited on the Essendon (Vic.) Council last month with the view of endeavoring to get the councillors to frame a by-law to prohibit picture shows on Lord's Day evenings. The Ascot Vale church is pleased to report that the Council has given instructions for the preparation of a regulation for controlling halls and other places of entertainment thereon. Our representatives were H. E. Knott and W. A. Kemp.

Items of Interest. — For the Tem-

perance Night of the Tasmanian Conference, the night opened wet . . . It was proposed to engage A. P. Willson for a further twelve months at Launceston . . . The Tasmanian Conference also decided that a definite appeal be made to the Federal Executive for financial assistance, and for the assistance of preachers to hold missions . . . Bro. Burns and Bro. Saxby, of Manning River, rode 200 miles on their bicycles to attend the Scoville Mission in Sydney . . . First anniversary of the church at Box Hill, Vic., was celebrated on May 5. The secretary reported that the church had made good progress, the membership having increased from 18 to 42 during the year . . . Enmore (N.S.W.) last Sunday had the largest number received into membership in one day, in the history of the church. 42 received the right hand of fellowship, all of them having made the confession during the Scoville mission.

Churches of Christ in W.A. challenged by . . .

"THE STRONG NAME OF JESUS"

This was the theme selected by the President for the 65th Annual Conference in Western Australia, an outstanding one in many ways, with inspiring addresses and record attendances, particularly at business sessions. The change of programme seems to have made it possible for country delegates to attend in much greater numbers. There have been several changes in recent years, but this year, for the first time, there was no business session on Good Friday.

The guest speaker was **Lloyd E. Jones, B.A., B.D., L.T.C.L.**, of Grote-st., Adelaide. His addresses created a tremendous impression, and were a very great contribution to the success of Conference. Almost a guest speaker, but now of course one of our Western Australian preachers, was **Cyril G. Flood**, who recently came from Brisbane to the new church at Dalkeith-rd., Nedlands. His messages, too, were of a high quality, as was also the challenge brought by **A. E. Heard** to the missionary meeting. There were several lively moments at the business sessions, but in the main things ran smoothly under the chairmanship of the President, **Lloyd Cooke**, minister of Maylands church.

Conference commenced on Thursday, Apr. 12, with a meeting attended by about 400 people. The President reviewed his year of office, and **Lloyd Jones** brought an inspiring message on **The Foundation of Our Faith**. The following night saw the opening business session attended by over 140 delegates, and many other interested folk. This was preceded by a **Men's Tea**, arranged by the Church Men's Societies, at which **Cyril Flood** challenged his hearers as he spoke on **The Perfect Offering**, stressing the need of giving our best to God in all phases of life and service.

The business programme continued throughout Saturday, concluding in time for tea. The ladies, who greatly appreciated the change from Good Friday, had graciously prepared excellent meals for delegates on the main business day. At these meals, greetings were brought by representatives of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, as well as by National and State leaders in the Boys' Brigade movement.

The largest attendance ever at a Conference Missionary Rally was present on the Saturday night to hear **J. K. Robinson** speak briefly on the Aborigines Board activities, and then the main address from **Mr. Heard**. It was unusually hot Conference weather, but a temperature of 94 degrees did

not prevent a great crowd coming to hear **Mr. Jones** preach the Conference Sermon on the Sunday afternoon. He spoke of the Church as a worshipping community, a serving community, and a saving community, and concluded a magnificent presentation by using the title suggested for the day — **The Saving Name of Jesus**.

Youth night on Monday was the usual highly successful and well attended gathering. The programme was of very high standard, including a play, **The Master's Cup**, a children's pageant, and an address by **C. G. Flood**, **The Cup Which Christ Refused to Drink**. It was a great night. Tuesday was a most unusual day in the middle of the Conference period. There was no programme! It was a successful innovation, which removed what has usually been the poorest attended night, and left the ladies fresh for their Conference on the Wednesday. They crowded the auditorium. The speaker at night was again **L. Jones**, and again a large audience was inspired as it heard of the ordinance of baptism as an act of recognition, dedication and identification.

Mr. Jones addressed the preachers on Thursday afternoon, his subject being **Whither Evangelism?** At night there was an addition to the normal Conference programme, in the form of a **Social Service Rally**. This drew a large attendance to hear something of the growth of the work in this State, presented by pictures as well as the spoken word. Various workers were introduced and **C. G. Flood** spoke on the **Christian Aristocracy**.

Only two services were held on Good Friday — the morning **Easter Devotional Service**, which has been firmly established for over 15 years, and at night the concluding **Conference Rally**. The morning service gave **M. J. Savage** his last opportunity to speak at Conference prior to his return to New Zealand, and he stirred all as he centred our thoughts on **Life and the Cross**. **L. Jones** brought his final address to a large audience at the evening gathering, and the incoming Conference President (**J. W. Gordon**) was introduced. Owing to the departure of the President-Elect (**A. J. Griffiths**) for South Australia, it had been necessary to elect a President as well as a President-Elect for the coming year. The traditional presentations were made to the President of the Women's Auxiliary Conference (**Mrs. J. A. Stewart**) and the retiring Conference President, **Lloyd Cooke**.

Probably the most important decision of Conference was to approve a

recommendation by the Executive that an **Organiser** be appointed. The proposal had already been warmly received by many churches, who undertook to make direct contributions towards salary, etc. The plan provides that the appointee shall have a seat on the Executive, as provided in the Constitution, but will not be Conference Secretary. His primary considerations initially will be with the Home Mission Committee and the Christian Centre Board of Management.

Other highlights of reports were:

- Aggregate membership increased to 5,773, and the active membership has increased by over 60% in 10 years.
- Four new chapels were opened and a fifth was under construction.
- Offerings for all purposes increased by £5,091, to a record £85,370.
- Twelve young men are at Glen Iris and Woolwich.
- Over 100 are planning to attend Federal Conference.
- Greatly expanded Social Service work, with the opening of a "Budget Shop" and the developing of the Welfare Centre.
- Miss M. Peacock appointed Organising-Secretary of Youth Committee.
- Activities of Christian Union Committee.
- Plans for erection of a 10-bed Infirmary at the Christian Guest Home.

Conference Officers and Committees, including those whose terms did not expire at Conference, are as follows:

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Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Induction and Farewell of Nine Out-going Missionaries

It was an historic occasion when a large gathering assembled at the Grote-st. chapel, Adelaide, on April 26, to participate in the induction and farewell of nine out-going missionaries. This was the first time that new missionaries for the three fields have been farewelled at the same meeting. The following were set apart for missionary service:

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, Victoria. Appointed as Medical Missionaries, India.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Veal, Victoria. Appointed as Evangelistic Missionaries, India.

Dr. and Mrs. David Coulter, New Zealand. Appointed as Medical Missionaries, New Hebrides.

Sister Helen Maiden, Western Australia. Appointed as Medical Missionary, New Hebrides.

Sister Heather Middlemiss, New Zealand. Appointed as Medical Missionary, New Hebrides.

Miss Rosalie Rofe, New South Wales. Appointed as Educational Missionary, New Guinea.

The chairman of the Federal Board presided over the gathering and the vice-chairman, H. Norris, and Federal Secretary, R. McLean, set apart the newly appointed workers. It was a solemn moment when the congregation stood as the missionaries knelt, and Mr. Norris, after reading the names of the missionaries, said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, and with the authority given us as his servants in the Church, we now set you apart to the tasks given you in your call to serve him as missionaries." After the prayer of consecra-

tion, all joined in singing the consecration hymn, "Take my life."

Each missionary in a brief message told of the call to serve overseas. Helpful messages in song were rendered by the Koongarra Male Quartet. The meeting was a challenge and inspiration to all to support these young missionaries as they gladly go forward for Christ's sake and the gospel's.

Prior to the service, members of the Federal Board and State Overseas Mission Committee met the new workers at a tea arranged by the Catering Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Tippet. An opportunity to meet the missionaries was afforded at supper, at the conclusion of the induction service.

Farewell - Victoria.

The Victorian-Tasmanian Committee held an "At Home" on Sunday, April 29 in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, commencing at 3 o'clock and finishing after tea, when the guests, the out-going missionaries, were taken to Spencer-st. to go on to Sydney before leaving for the New Hebrides and New Guinea.

This informal gathering gave nearly 50 interested friends the opportunity of getting to know these young folk, who are going out to strengthen our forces in the Islands.

Besides the Committee's library of slides, a collection of enlarged black-and-white pictures is now available for groups to use at meetings, and can be obtained from the secretary, Mrs. E. L. Williams, 1 Elm-rd., Glen Iris.

Farewell - N.S.W.

The N.S.W. farewell to our out-going missionaries took three forms.

The first stage was a dinner at Chatswood on May 1, at 6.15 p.m.

About 140 people sat down to a beautifully served dinner, chaired by N.S.W. Overseas Missions chairman, C. R. M. Graham. Miss Helen Maiden responded to the welcome given.

Chatswood chapel was full for the service of dedication at 3 p.m. L. E. Wylie presided as Conference President, and a challenging sermon on the place of personal devotions in any Christian commitment was preached by L. K. Green.

Under the heading of **A Personal Word**, Dr. David Coulter brought a most telling testimony of the leadership of God in his call as a medical missionary. Every part of this Spirit-filled meeting will long remain in the hearts of the whole congregation.

The third stage of farewell was at the overseas terminal at Mascot on May 3, at 11 a.m. About 50 people gathered, including a large number of students from Woolwich, of whom 10 had musical instruments. Civil Aviation authorities gave permission for us to have an area, not enclosed by glass, as on the observation deck. Dr. and Mrs. Coulter, Sisters Heather Middlemiss and Helen Maiden left to the singing of hymns accompanied by brass and stringed instruments. They stood before the Boeing 707 to be photographed, and to photograph, as prayers in our hearts rose to God. Amongst those saying farewell were Samuel Bull and Japhet Karai. —E. W. Roffey.

Returning for Furlough

Sister Jan Hunting and Miss A. Draney are planning to leave New Guinea for furlough on June 20. They will be our first single lady missionaries to return from New Guinea. During their furlough they will attend Federal Conference, as well as visit churches in Victoria and Queensland. Sister Hunting will have an interesting message to bring of her medical work, and Miss Draney will tell of her educational work at Tung. The needs of the people in New Guinea are great, and there are many opportunities to enter new areas. Our returning missionaries will bring firsthand information concerning these needs.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

South Thailand

Miss D. Knight.

As careless breezes stirred the coconut palm fronds and white fluffy clouds rolled across the blue sky, I sat down to tell you about South Thailand, hoping that you might catch something of the lavish beauty and unmet need of this land.

It is a land of tropical jungles, rice-fields, coconuts, spices, rubber, and rivers teeming with fish. The temperature varies from approximately 75 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The heavy rains from November to January are brought by the strong winds of the North Eastern monsoons.

Communications consist of a single track railway to Bangkok, the eastern-branch extending to the smuggler border town of Sungel Golok, and the western branch linking up with the Malayan line to Penang. Rail, air and sea services are good, but roads are in short supply.

A glance at the map of Thailand shows us the continental and peninsula form of this land. Actually the whole of peninsular Thailand is South Thailand, but it is of the five most southerly provinces we shall be thinking. The population of over 600,000 is 85% Malay, the remainder being Thai, Chinese and Indians.

What is the history of this part of South Thailand? The present boundary between Thailand and Malaya was only settled by treaty as recently as 1909. Prior to that time Thailand had exercised a suzerainty over a number of Malay States. As early as the Twelfth Century A.D., the Thai began to encroach on the north of the Malay peninsula. These States were weak and unable to withstand the pressure of their more powerful neighbor. During the course of the centuries, Thai influence fluctuated in these Northern Malay States. With the growth of British influence in the Malay peninsula, a new situation arose. Finally the present boundary was made, but it meant that five provinces in South Thailand were separated from their kin in North Malaya.

For this reason there are very strong ties with Malaya. Since the war there has been a tightening up of regulations on the border, but even so, culturally and economically,

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Qld. Camp Launches "Design for Development"

The Qld. Home Missions Committee organised a camp at the Caloundra Youth Centre, March 30-April 1, to launch Design for Development.

The camp proved to be one of the greatest experiences in the history of the Queensland brotherhood. Some 97 men attended from 29 different churches. Men came from as far west as Roma, and as far north as Maryborough and north-west Kingaroy.

George Haigh, chairman of the Home Missions Committee, gave a welcome to all present on the Friday night, and this was followed by an audio-visual on Keeping the People

Faithful to Christ Through His Church. George Haigh then led the camp in evening devotions.

The Saturday sessions opened with devotions led by George Haigh, who acted as Camp Chaplain for the remainder of camp.

The following subjects were introduced and a time of discussion was led by a selected panel:

The Need for Church Planning, introduced by L. G. Read; Christian Stewardship, introduced by D. W. Mansell; The How of Church Planning, introduced by J. McCormick; Year Round Evangelism, introduced

by D. W. Mansell; Home Mission Activity, introduced by the Committee; Friendship Evangelism, introduced by D. W. Mansell.

After an early-morning communion service on the Sunday, presided over by H. Farmer, the men were divided into small groups to discuss and evaluate the programme that had been presented.

All present suggested that we hold another camp next year and that we evaluate the programmes of each church that has introduced Design for Development. —D. W. Mansell, Home Mission Organiser.



Group of men (4 missing) at "Design for Development" Camp, Caloundra, Qld., Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 1962.

the two countries are bound together. Tin from South Thailand mines is sent either to Singapore or Penang for smelting, and rubber is channelled through the same ports. The annual exodus of reapers from S. Thailand to help harvest rice in north Malaya is similar to that of Mainland hop-pickers or seasonable berry fruit or apple pickers arriving in Southern Tasmania.

Let us walk through a South Thailand town — Pattani, for instance — and meet the people. In the local market we see the Malays, the colorful and graceful women and dark, proud-looking men. In South Thailand the Malay women enjoy what is for Moslem women an extraordinary degree of freedom. They do not wear the traditional Moslem veil, and are able to come and go freely in public places; they dominate the markets, spreading their wares and haggling over prices. This freedom for Malay women from some hampering customs of seclusion enables women missionaries to visit markets, sell Scripture portions and give out tracts without causing trouble. The Malay women can visit the missionaries' homes, too. Malays are mainly farmers and fishermen, also bus and taxi drivers.

In the shopping area we will meet the Chinese and see them arranging their wares, checking stores and doing accounts; many of the hotels and restaurants are in their hands, too. They speak the Amoy or Swatow

dialect, and want their children to learn the Chinese National Language (Mandarin). They have their ancestor worship, god-shelves and ornate temples.

Here we pass a school and hear the children chanting after their teachers; constant repetition seems the main method of teaching. The teachers are Thai, as are most of the people working in the government service. They are a courteous, friendly, pleasure-loving people.

A variety of Indian races is found in South Thailand. In the cloth shops we find them, many speaking English — Pakistan Moslems, Hindus, Tamils and Sikhs — following the customs of their fathers and intermarrying among themselves.

Is there religious freedom in this Land of the Free (this is the meaning of Thailand)? Yes, there is, but even so the Thai are supposed to be Buddhists and it is difficult for those in Government employ to be otherwise. The Malays are orthodox Moslems.

What impact has Christianity made in South Thailand? During the first half of this century some work was carried on among the Chinese in this area and a few churches were established, but since the Japanese occupation these have practically disappeared. Now, however, there is a group of American Presbyterians and Southern Baptists in Songkla

province and the Overseas Missionary Fellowship of the China Inland Mission has been given responsibility for the four southern provinces of Yala, Pattani, Satun and Narathiwat.

In these provinces, where in 1953 there was only one small Chinese church, now a Church is gradually emerging, consisting of Chinese, Thai and two Malay Christians. In 1960 a hospital was opened at Saiburi and many in the outlying areas have been contacted through this means.

Here, workers struggle with limited language to try to understand the people and bring to the milling market crowds, the fishermen mending their nets, the playful school children, Chinese "grannies," white-capped Moslem students and carefree Thai officials . . . the Good News of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The words of a hymn which I first heard in Singapore bring a solemn reminder to us of our responsibility —

"Behold how many thousands still
are lying,
Bound in the darksome prison house
of sin,
With none to tell them of the
Saviour's dying,
Or of the life he died for them
to win.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of
peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption
and release."

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

UNGARRA, S.A.

Great gatherings marked the Golden Jubilee meetings of the Ungarra Church of Christ, Apr. 4-8 inclusive, with visitors from Western Australia and Queensland, and other places nearer at hand, in attendance.

The celebrations commenced with the Welcome Dinner held in the Ungarra Hall. One hundred and eighty adults were catered for by the ladies of the church, also seventy children — these being supervised by the Methodist ladies in the hall at the chapel. A beautifully decorated three-tier cake adorned the main table. This was made by Mrs. Modra (Lutheran) and depicted the theme of the Jubilee, *Faith Triumphant*.

Following the introduction of the chairman, W. A. Russell, by Arthur Pugsley, the evening was given over to happy fellowship, the receipt of greetings from J. K. Schramm (Civic), the Methodist Church and sister Churches of Christ; items rendered by Mrs. Cartmel and Mr. and Mrs. Barr; also reminiscences from Roy Raymond, Ross Graham and W. Treasure. The closing devotion was given by D. P. Holloway.

On Thursday evening the Ungarra Hall was packed out for the excellent Variety Concert presented by members, friends and guest artists. "Live shows" are quite the accepted thing in the cities, but this was a live show with a capital L. Mr. Holloway was the compere, and the commencing devotion, *The Old Rugged Cross*, was in the hands of the Tumbay Bay Girls' Choir.

From the concert the programme proceeded to an entirely different form. The respective auxiliaries recorded their activities over the previous 50 years, and it was heartening to hear how such excellent progress had been made in that time. Each auxiliary presented an appropriate item, with reports being given of the Sunday School work by Malcolm Fatchen; of the Junior Endeavor by Reg. Telfer; the Y.P. Endeavor by Arthur Pugsley, and the Guild by Mrs. Betty Lawrie and Mrs. Wilf. Gordon. The screening of the film, *Big Brother*, and the serving of supper, brought the evening to a close.

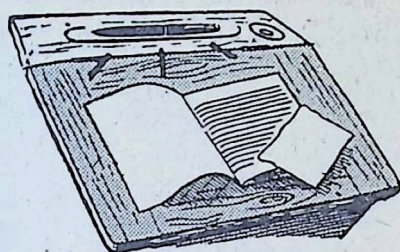
Saturday evening was left free, but the afternoon saw many out touring

the district and revisiting the places of interest, such as the homes where the first meetings were held and the creek where so many of the early converts were baptised. This was a less formal part of the planned programme, but it afforded those present much more opportunity to meet and converse of old times as the convoy moved from the chapel to Pedlers' old home, Kennets' old home, the water tanks, past Pugsleys' and on to Treasures' and thence to the creek and some welcome afternoon tea. To the old timers and younger ones alike it was a most enjoyable and profitable day.

The climax of the Jubilee came on the Sunday, with two inspiring and challenging services conducted at 3 and 7 p.m. Once more visitors came from near and far, and with the Tumbay Bay and Mt. Hill churches closing their services and meeting with Ungarra, there were approx. 230 people present during the afternoon and 225 at night.

Former preachers conducted the services throughout the day. Ross (continued ft. col. 1, p. 295.)

OPEN FORUM



COMMUNION

I read with interest your article of several weeks ago adapted from our British paper, on the service of communion. It is good to know that the communion service is becoming more generally accepted throughout the Christian Church as the main service for each Sunday.

However, before we become too self-congratulatory on the experience of the Anglican vicar who was so influenced by a service that he experienced in one of our British churches that he recommended that a similar order be followed in his church, it is important to note that very likely the order of service in which he shared would have important differences from our "Australian" service.

Literature of our British Churches of Christ shows that usually the service begins with a call to worship, followed by an opening prayer emphasising the notes of adoration and confession. This is followed by a hymn of praise and the Scripture lessons. Then the prayers of the church, hymn, sermon, and to climax the service the offering and communion. Communion is regarded as the central act inasmuch as it is the culminating act of worship.

Interesting quotes from Toward

(continued from page 294.)

Graham presided at the communion service and Roy Raymond, one of the guest speakers, spoke on the subject, *These Fifty Years*. Following the basket tea, all adjourned to the Ungarra Hall for the concluding meeting. M. T. Lawrie led the service, and W. A. Russell, the other guest speaker, gave the address. Items were given by the Tumby Bay girls — Mrs. Lowe being the soloist during the afternoon.

These were memorable days, with approx. 200 as the average attendance at the seven meetings. The church looks back with pleasure on 50 years of work and witness within the community, but with Paul we would centre our eyes on that great high calling that is ours and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3: 14). To God be the glory! —D. P. Holloway.

Christian Union (prepared for Edinburgh World Convention), page 49, include: "The time of the Lord's Supper has generally ceased to be the time for a platform speech or secondary sermon from the President of the service. It has become rather a time when the worshippers may think over in silence the words of some ancient prayer or meditation, or some passage of Scripture associated with the institution of the feast, read to them by the president."

This service is accepted as expressing the earliest known form of communion service, and has the advantage of ensuring that the sermon closely follows the lessons, for an exposition of the Scriptures. Perhaps it would be a good thing if, like the Anglican vicar, we suggested that our Officers' Boards and churches examine this question without prejudice or fear of change. —George A. Hearn, Warragul, Vic.

(Edited to conform to 300 word limit.)

New Zealand Notes

GIFT FROM THE FIELD.

It is reported that one of the most moving gifts to the N.C.C. Christmas appeal came from a group of our own Africans in Southern Rhodesia, who heard about the appeal and sent a contribution of £13/8/11.

ROSS HEYWARD,

preacher at the Annesbrook church, is to conduct two brief missions at the churches at Wellsford-Northern Union area and at Mairangi Bay, Auckland, in the early part of May.

MAORI EDUCATION FUND SET UP.

An appeal for Funds for a Maori Education Fund has received widespread publicity and support from all sections of the community. The national campaign aims at making the foundation as strong as possible. The Government provided an initial grant of £125,000 worth of Government stock. The Federation of Labor, with 220,000 members wants each to give 10/- subscription a year to the Fund. Eventually it is hoped that several million pounds will be available, from which special grants will be made — to enable more young Maoris to gain valuable farming and technical skills. There are 170,000 Maoris in this country, of whom 56 per cent are under 21 years of age. The Fund will be administered by the Minister of Education. A former New Zealander and his wife, now in California, have willed their estate, worth between 150,000 and 200,000 dollars, to the Foundation, and this will qualify for the N.Z. Government grant of £ for £ subsidy. —Bruce Burn.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

What is Unified Promotion and how does it work?

I propose to use this column for two weeks for this answer. Even then the space will be inadequate. For those who desire a longer treatment of this topic, and I hope that many will, refer to *Provocative Pamphlet*, No. 80, by V. L. Gole.

Unified Promotion is the name given to the Christian outreach programme when there is a unified financial approach to the local church instead of a multi-departmental approach as at present. It works by having a co-ordinating committee representing all Departments of Conference making appeals to the churches. This committee would bring together the financial goals of all Departments, and apportion receipts on the basis of needs made known by each Department by careful planning for future activities.

More and more of our churches are using the one-offering budget system because the multi-offering system has become farcical. At least twice a month there was (or is) a special offering, and this imposed on individual members the responsibility for deciding priorities in giving and how much to give. If there was a small attendance because of adverse weather, there would be a small offering. Other factors which could influence responses could be: one Department having a more efficient fund raiser than others, a minister with a special regard for a cause and applying favorable pressures for it, some Departments finding emotional subjects in the very old or very young, or in the strongly dramatic or simply pathetic.

Many of the churches, therefore, said that they would have one offering only; one offering for the Christ, to care for the local church and for the church's outreach everywhere. Instead of receiving less, these churches have received much more for outreach giving. People have responded to the challenge to give sacrificially; not to this or that area of service, but to God for every area. (Folk with special concerns for specific areas are still able to direct where their outreach offerings will go.)

So far, so good, but the distribution of the one offering for our co-operative service places too great responsibility upon the local church board.

Next Week: More about Unified Promotion.

(Address Questions to the Editor.)

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L. G. Cooke, who recently completed his year as W.A. Conference President, has accepted a call to the ministry of the church at Collins-st., Hobart, Tas. for a five-year period. This will follow completion of his present service with the Maylands (W.A.) church, either at the end of or commencement of 1963.

The Vic-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism has a Mason and Hamlyn organ, "Liszt" model, in good condition. A gift for a church. Contact D. H. Smith.

Arthur J. Griffiths, formerly minister at Cottesloe, W.A., was welcomed to the ministry of the church at Prospect, S.A., on Sat., Apr. 28, when a social evening was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths and Dawn. C. E. Curtis (S.A. Conf. Pres.), Mrs. Thelma Jones (Women's Pres.), and representatives from the Ministers' Fraternal and district churches attended. At the morning service on the 29th, Mr. Curtis inducted Mr. Griffiths to the ministry. An after-church "sing" at the close of the evening service enabled members to have further fellowship with the new minister and family.

On Good Friday night, Churches of Christ in S.A. joined with our Baptist brethren for a service of devotion and inspiration. The Adelaide Town Hall was almost filled with a congregation of 1,200 people. C. Shinkfield (President, Baptist Union) presided over the gathering. The music was supplied by our Choral Society, under the leadership of W. Watson. C. H. J. Wright spoke on the subject, *Night at the Cross*, and L. J. Gomm (minister Flinders-st. Baptist) took as his subject, *Morn at the Tomb*. During the service, I. J. Chivell spoke of the work being done by the Committee representing both Communions, which had resulted in splendid relationships being established. A joint Fraternal meeting has been held, three days were spent together in Retreat, and now this wider fellowship of the two Communions in a meeting of inspiration and fellowship has helped to bring us to a better appreciation of each other. Our negotiations will continue. We have no definite plans. We are ready to be led by God's Spirit as we continue together in fellowship and discussion—I. J. Chivell.

L. F. Barker, minister at Kingsford, N.S.W., has accepted a call to the church at Balwyn, Vic. Mr. Barker will commence his new ministry in October.

Sales of the New English Bible New Testament have reached nearly four million copies throughout the world in the first twelve months since its publication. These sales figures are four times as great as publishers had expected. In U.S.A. alone, 1,250,000 copies were sold.

American Minister Returns Home

On Sun., May 20, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie K. Green and their three sons sail from Sydney, en route for Fort Worth, Texas, where Mr. Green will be taking up further study at Texas Christian University.

Mr. Green was called to the ministry at Chatswood, N.S.W., in 1957, arriving from U.S.A. in time to commence his work with the church on Oct. 4. In the course of his stay in Australia, Mr. Green has served as Churches of Christ representative on the Sydney Executive of the Billy Graham Crusade, as Federal Director of Visitation Evangelism for the Crusade, as Alternate for the Federal President of Churches of Christ on the Federal Executive of the Australian Council for the W.C.C., as co-opted member representing the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ on the Federal Executive of the Australian Council of Churches, as a delegate to the National Conference of Australian Churches (Feb. 1960), as Chairman of the National Commission on Evangelism (a Commission of Australian Council of Churches), as a member of the National Commission on Doctor-Clergy Relationships, as Chaplain for Churches of Christ to the University of N.S.W.; as secretary of the N.S.W. Christian Union Committee of Churches of Christ, and as a lecturer at the N.S.W. Bible College, Woolwich, in the subjects of church administration, pastoral counselling and evangelism.

During his ministry, the Chatswood church has risen in membership from 239 to 298, sixty being added by faith and baptism, 85 by transfer. The church has developed a functional organisation, and an education block, consisting of seven classrooms, library, minister's study, kitchen and ablution facilities, has been erected, as well as an extension to the Fellowship Hall.

The many who have been grateful for the visitation and other forms of ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Green bid them farewell with great regret. — David J. A. Verco (elder).

Musings

SUN., MAY 6. — It's 28 years to the day since I began my first ministry as a Home Missionary at Brookton, W.A. How well I remember the little church, whose members called me their "young minister" — at least four of them were four times or more my age! I realise now what an invaluable preparation those 21 months at Brookton were for the College course which followed. I had a close look at some of today's young people while attending our district open-air Commonwealth Youth Sunday service this afternoon. They made an impressive and colorful picture, marching on to the arena of one of the most picturesque sites in Melbourne. But the wind was cold — and there were many chuckles when one of the hymns we were asked to sing began: "The sunlight on our faces, the south wind strong and free!"

MON., MAY 7. — Guest speaker at this afternoon's Ministers' Association meeting was F. W. Inchley, organist at Collins-st. Baptist Church, who showed himself in earnest about raising standards of church music. In discussion time, one of my friends recalled a joke on me — how, just before I was called on to speak, the choir sang, "Saviour, breathe an evening blessing ere repose our spirits seal!"

TUES., MAY 8. — "A.C." preparation, church visitation, and some more work on a T.V. talk. Thinking of the latter, I was interested to note that Dr. Grierson recently told a British Consultation on religious T.V.: "Grab the Sunday afternoon from any and every nonsense that now attend it, and make it your own . . . I don't mean church services, and I certainly don't mean those naive and embarrassing discussions about religion between Bible class smoothies and their parents." Some punch in that last line!

WED., MAY 9. — Is it true, as I read Dr. Marcus Bach recently asserted in America, that "Christianity is at an all-time low, so far as its impact upon the relations of nations and the lives of people is concerned"?

THURS., MAY 10. — Study in the morning, Austral in the afternoon, then just on 4 hours with Conference Officers, before home to finalise the local weekly.

FRI., MAY 11. — I shared in a happy function at the Brotherhood Centre tonight, marking the setting apart of the newly elected members of the Social Service Dept.

SAT., MAY 12. — The grass still grows as high in the Conference President's back-yard as anyone else's, so out came the mower again for the first time since the breaking of the long drought. No meetings — what bliss!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Contributed by V. C. Stafford, Director and Editor, Federal Board of Christian Education.

A TRIBUTE.

On Sunday, Apr. 15, Bob Gumley, who served the Federal Board as treasurer, passed suddenly from this life. He came to our help in the middle of 1960. His outstanding ability as a financial adviser was placed unreservedly at the disposal of the brotherhood. He was more than a competent treasurer. He had a keen appreciation of the work of the Board, took its concerns upon his heart and with amazing foresight and vision set himself to plan for its future. His work for the Pounds for Progress appeal was a sacrificial offering of time and energy. No aspect of the Board's work escaped his attention. He served humbly with great diligence. We came to hold him in affection and esteem for his cheerful zeal, his gracious ways, his unfailing sympathy, his quiet and unassuming demeanor, and his unfailing thoughtfulness for others. In his home church at Brighton, Vic., he was the same unobtrusive servant of God. In the abundance of his powers we lost him, but who can measure the grace out-poured upon our lives? With his wife, his mother and two sisters, and all the relatives, we sorrow. Our sympathy has been expressed to them. Yet we rejoice in hope. We thank God for every remembrance of him.

EDITORIAL STAFF.

With the coming of Harold F. Gross, B.A., to the work of the Federal Board of Christian Education in July next, the staff will be enlarged to four persons, with V. C. Stafford as editor and director, Miss M. Deane and H. F. Gross as associate editors, and Mrs. M. Dunphy, who recently commenced part-time service as typist and office secretary.

"POUNDS FOR PROGRESS."

We have had to make these forward moves without the necessary assurance and financial help of the brotherhood. The response to the appeal for £10,000 has resulted to date in the sum of about £2,200. This has come from about 500 individuals and from several groups. We here acknowledge with thanks the gifts received. We are deeply grateful to Morris and Walker, to Norman Arnott and other helpers for their assistance in launching the appeal. The crisis upon us now is a real one. We cannot continue with-

out the required financial help which would have been forthcoming had 20,000 members each given the sum of 10/-.

LITERATURE SUNDAY.

Brighton (Vic.) church and its minister, Stanton H. Wilson, gave emphasis to the importance of Christian literature on Sun., Apr. 29. Speaker at the morning service was W. R. Hibburt, who gave a vigorous and challenging address on the kind of reading and study that makes spiritual giants, and on the work of the Federal Board. Members later visited the display in the school hall. The range of church school materials and other literature published by the Federal Board of Christian Education revealed that 27 items were now catering for an age span of 15 years from kindergarten to youth. The church school arranged a display of work by scholars, school equipment and the splendid resource library of books, maps, charts and pictures available for teachers. The work of the Bible Society was highlighted by an array of Bibles and posters.

CONSULTATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

Arranged by the Australian Council of Christian Education, an all-day conference at the Baptist Federal headquarters in Melbourne brought together editors and assistants from Joint Board of Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand (Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational), Baptist Board of Education and Publication, General Board of Religious Education Melbourne, Sydney diocesan Board of Publication and Churches of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education. It was an exploratory conference, getting to know each other, learning about origins, organisation, sharing insights and discussing possible lines of joint action. Several matters were submitted to the A.C.C.E. for investigation, and a second conference unanimously decided for June, 1963. This inaugural conference may prove to be strategic and history-making.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONVENTION.

Young people of our churches in Australia, with possibly some from

New Zealand, will meet at Adelaide, Jan. 8-15, 1963, in the first convention open to all young people of Churches of Christ, aged 15 upwards in all States. Special speakers include G. R. Stirling, who will address evening rallies; David Hodges (Scots Church, Adelaide), leader of daily Bible studies; Lloyd E. Jones, minister of Grote-st. church. M. A. Coombs, director of Christian Television Association in S.A., is in charge of a drama group. Our Adelaide Youth Choir will sing. Thebarton Town Hall buildings and adjacent Mile End church buildings have been booked. A P.S.A. is planned for Elder Park on the Sunday afternoon.

Registration forms giving particulars of accommodation costs are now available. Already many applications have been received in all States.



Here and There

The church at Northcote, Vic., held a social evening on May 2 to honor Miss M. Amery who has been the church organist for 50 years. A presentation was made to mark her splendid years of service.

The annual Week of Prayer for Unity, which is observed by both Roman Catholics and Protestants, is programmed this year for May 31-June 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt. Lanz, on sabbatical leave from work with the United Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ in U.S.A., plan to arrive in Australia at the end of September, following a month's visit to New Zealand. During their four to five months' stay in Australia, they will be mainly centred in Victoria, working in conjunction with the Dept. of Christian Education there. Mr. Lanz's work has been in the Christian Education field, serving as Director with Family Life, and while in Australia he will assist by working at the level of C.Y.F. and in the adult field. They will be our guests while in Australia, but their salary and travelling expenses to and from this country will be met by our American brethren — a much appreciated gesture of goodwill.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mr. and Mrs. F. Davey, Warrnambool, Vic.
Gerda Schellingerhout, Elaine Wilson, Berwick, Vic.
Mrs. Birch, Barry Bourne, Hampton, Vic.
Trevor Jones, Mr. Trace, Mr. Bradbury, Glenn Jones, Annerley, Qld.
Lynette Fraser, Sunshine, Vic.
Mary Nicholls, Maryborough, Vic.
David Haywood, Geoffrey Coutts, Blackburn, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Clarke, Shepparton, Vic.
Denise O'Gorman, Annette Farr, Bruce Henry, Darrell Jenkins, Maidstone, Vic.
Cleive Dick, Inverell, N.S.W.
Mrs. Wallace, Robert Wallace, Baptist to Box Hill, Vic.
Mrs. Webster, Ricky and Jan Webster, Douglas Hall, Cheltenham, Vic.

Membership

Mr. Geary, Mr. Jealous, to Perth, W.A.
Misses N. Dallenger and B. Williams, to Gilgandra, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Neumann from Sunnybank; John Lowe from Too-womba to Annerley, Qld.
Mr. and Mrs. N. Greenwood, Hamilton to Maryborough, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Abrehart, from Box Hill; Mrs. D. Weir, from Gardiner; J. Davidson, from Caulfield; Mrs. Whitby, from Box Hill Baptist; Mrs. Campbell, from Canterbury Baptist; Mrs. Brough, from Malvern to Blackburn, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker, Gary and Carol Walker, Yarrawonga to Shepparton, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. Haughton, to Montrose, Vic.

Marriage

Shirley Trezise to Gordon Weise, Footscray, Vic.

Valda Grant to Gordon Rowe, Hampton, Vic.

Miss G. Greateorex to P. Kelly; Miss G. Roulston to K. Kneaves, Northcote, Vic.

Betty Humphries to Andrew Smail, Belmont, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. M. Smart, Footscray, Vic.

E. R. Berry, Perth, W.A.

Mrs. G. Smith, Bendigo, Vic.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Guest speaker, Apr. 8, W. Anderson (O.M.S.). After gospel service, film, *Pilgrim Pathways*, produced by Mr. Anderson, screened. Minister represented Tasmania at Vic.-Tas. Conf. Guest speakers 15th and 22nd, Mr. Dinnen (W.E.C.) and R. Wilson (Invermay). At evening service, 29th, capacity congregation watched screening of slides of Oberammergau Passion Play; Mrs. Jeffrey (Sheffield) commented. Barrington Singers rendered suitable items, all combining to make service most impressive. Y.P. doing splendid service with organised visitation.

QUEENSLAND

Annerley. — Good attendances maintained throughout four months without full-time minister. Prayer meetings average 12, with best attendance of 20. Church appreciates help of preachers from sister churches. B.S. anniversary began with teachers' dedication service a.m.; good attendances through day. Two who made confession of faith on last Sunday of V. T. Parker's ministry have been baptised and received into church. Three welcomed by transfer.

Warwick (C. R. Perkins). — Church building now situated corner of Wood and Dragon-sts., with new manse on old building site. With membership of 45, a.m. attendance maintains av. of 45, p.m. 18. H.M. Dept. has taken over Warwick church from South Qld. Conference of Churches of Christ who were, for past 10 years, responsible for welfare of church. Minister gave Easter address at city's combined church services, Good Friday. Outline of State's *Design for Development* plan being studied at weekly prayer and Bible study meeting.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth (M. J. Savage). — Social evening held to honor silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry. Special pre-Easter series of sermons given by minister. Special Palm Sunday pageant presented the Easter story in music, song and recitation, reading and tableau presentation. Record of 28 attended recent prayer meeting. W. Beck making slow progress towards recovery. Recent visiting speakers, L. G. Cooke and J. Somerville. Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed, welcomed home after trip to America, have moved to Geraldton. With passing of E. R. Berry, the city church and brotherhood sustained the loss of one who for over sixty years had been most closely and faithfully associated with them.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Gilgandra (N. Flint). — 12 Y.P. in camp at Lake Illawarra. Two welcomed into church, Apr. 29. Films, *He is Risen*, screened 22nd, *Petra* on 29th. Visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. D. Rission and family (Qld.). Church enjoyed fellowship with Miss Rhonda Mudford, on vacation from nursing duties at Canterbury District Hospital. Barbecue held in bed of Castlereagh River Easter Monday.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — Sale of work, Apr. 28, added £157 to New Hall Fund. C. Cole spoke on C.F.A. a.m., 29th and Y.P. gave impressions of Easter camp at gospel service. Mrs. D. Bumstead appointed C.F.A. agent. Wiley Park Y.P. visited C.E. May 6, visitors welcomed. Working bees on new hall each Saturday well supported by men and young men (including group of teenagers). Ladies do fine job of catering.

Earlwood (D. Sloman). — Y.P.F. celebrated 1st anniversary May 5, with inspirational rally; Denby Holmes, guest speaker. Chapel packed to capacity and supper served in school hall, special feature being large birthday cake made by Mrs. Sloman, iced by Mrs. Beddingfield. Y.P. took part in gospel meeting, 6th.

Hornsby. — Communion service Good Friday at 9 a.m. well supported. Annual business meeting May 2. All reports revealed church active, spiritual tone high and all eagerly awaiting coming of full-time minister. Appointed to Official Board for coming year: elder, Mr. Dallinger; deaconess, Mrs. Bishop (treas.); dea-

cons, R. F. Bartholomew, I. Bentley (asst.-sec.), H. R. Bishop, J. V. Ellerby (sec.), K. R. Fennell, G. S. J. Glazier, A. E. Morton, E. Newton, L. Wylie (Conf. Pres.) guest speaker a.m., 6th. Other speakers have been Messrs Cole, Dallinger, Fennell, Glazier, Roberts.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — During Easter camp at Newcastle, young man from Inverell made decision; minister conducted baptismal service May 4. During this service, Teens' Fellowship rendered item. Being Youth Sunday, many Y.P. were present, and boys' and girls' clubs paraded. On Apr. 30, C.W.F. held cooking competition, which aroused much interest. Planned programme was included.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — Church conducted week's teaching mission (May 5 - 13), with E. P. C. Hollard as missionary. This commenced May 5, with Parents' and Teachers' Association meeting. P. Fopp led song service. Mr. Hollard spoke at meeting and Mrs. Wright gave elocutionary item; supper served at close. Object to get to know parents of B.S. scholars. On May 6, Mr. Hollard spoke at both services. G.L.B. and youth clubs paraded at evening service; good attendance. One received into fellowship by faith and baptism.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — C.W.F. members entertained their mothers at evening on May 2. Y.P. conducted both services Youth Sunday, May 6. D. Messent (Unley) spoke p.m. Three table tennis teams commenced season well.

VICTORIA

Balwyn (H. E. Steele - interim). — Youth Sunday speakers, W. Smith and E. Sanders, when Explorers paraded and leader gave reading. Explorers doing fine work helping men with manse garden in preparation for opening of manse. Fellowship meetings increasing in numbers and interesting talk on Oberammergau given by Miss Jessie Smith, May 2, appreciated. Auxiliaries active and attendances at all services showing loyalty.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — At Spring Gully, Apr. 22, B.S. scholars presented *The Joy of Easter* at evening service, when 60 were present. Preacher (B. Wells) assisted by Milton Drake (C.O.B.) and Dennis Triplett (M.B.I.). E. S. Sanders (Temp. Alliance) speaker at 3 centres, Apr. 29. Blast Off was theme of opening C.Y.F. programme, May 3. Sympathy of church extended to G. Smith and family in passing of wife and mother.

Berwick (K. Mason). — Church met for half-yearly business meeting, Apr.

28; main topic being stewardship campaign to be launched in near future. Well filled building, 29th, for guest night service, followed by fellowship hour. On May 5, B.S. scholars enjoyed outing to city to see places of interest, while Explorers and other groups held barbecue at Red Hill after hike from Dromana. At evening baptismal service, May 6, building was filled to capacity, including campers from Brighton. Service preceded by youth tea. Mrs. Falla recovering from operation.

Lygon-st., Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — At second month's opening of boxes for Overseas Missionary Appeal of £1,000 for 1962, £565 was recorded. Mrs. Haigh, associate-organist, has been ordered complete rest from activities. Mrs. A. Johnson in hospital and Mr. Mottram has returned home from hospital. Minister commenced 6th year with church. R. McLean (Fed. Overseas Missions sec.) speaker p.m., 6th. Attendances at services good. Midweek meeting maintains av. of 60.

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — C.W.E.F. invited Maidstone and Williamstown groups to social evening, Apr. 18. Minister speaker at Baptist chapel Good Friday morning for combined church service. Mrs. H. Pietzsch soloist p.m., 22nd. Large number visitors May 1, to celebrate missionary group birthday. Mrs. E. W. Heard (India) guest speaker; £6/10/- given to Mrs. Heard for work in India. C.W.F. and C.M.S. met in combined sports night, 2nd. Sympathy of church extended to Mr. Smart and family in loss of wife and mother.

Hampton (C. L. Smith). — Successful youth camp held at Flinders, May 5-6. Campers returned to share in evening service. L. Chapman conducted morning service in absence of minister. Visit to Beaurepaire Tyres enjoyed by large group. There have been 2 decisions.

Hartwell (K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.E.). — Attendances at a.m. services good and growing interest shown in evening meetings, when special soloists have helped. Speaker p.m., 29th, I. Pormes, an Ambonese Christian preaching in Indonesia. Good Companions entertained guests at Oakleigh Home with singing and other items, and Wendy Layton showed colored slides of overseas' travels. Planned campaign of visitation and oversight made good start. Y.P. assisted in gospel service, May 6, when Hartwell Girl Guides paraded; solos rendered by Mrs. Willing.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — B.S. record attendance of 43 May 6. 160 attended combined Easter services Good Friday in conjunction with Baptists, Congregational and Presbyterians. Leonie Henshillwood sang. Av. attendances for Apr.: a.m., 67; p.m., 36; soloists have been R. Ratten, C. Pell-

ing, L. Stewart. At men's meeting, 6th, J. Cameron, scorer of Aust. Test Team, gave illustrated lecture on last tour. After-church fellowship enjoyed.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — On Apr. 29, V. Longthorp speaker at morning service. After p.m. service, presentation made to Miss G. Roulston and K. Kneaves prior to their marriage. Dr. R. Williams speaker at morning service, May 6.

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust). — Two teenagers made decision a.m. service, Apr. 15. Sympathy of church extended to family of late Mrs. Strachan. C.M.S. arranged conducted tour over M.M.B.W. farm, Werribee, May 5. Mrs. Harris at a.m. service, 6th, after several months' illness. Youth tea held, speaker from Inter-Church Aid. Y.P. assisted in p.m. service, when speaker was Mr. Sercombe, secondary school chaplain. C.W.E.F. held mothers' night and apron parade 9th. Good Companions acted as models.

Portland (A. C. Male). — Services continue to be well attended. Good contacts being made with parents of B.S. scholars. Home communion service being carried out for aged and ill. Junior and senior boys' and girls' clubs are commencing, and C.M.S. being reorganised. Church sponsored triple 21st birthday party for 3 Y.P. B.S. took part in Commonwealth Youth Sunday rally in Star theatre, May 6. April 29 took form of Hospitality Sunday, with special service in evening. During past 4 weeks, attendances at prayer meeting have increased by over 100%.

Preston (G. W. Barnett). — Combined Easter service held Good Friday well attended, and address by Mr. Leigh (South Preston Methodist) enjoyed. Y.P. held camp at Taggerty. Local brethren conducted services, Apr. 22. Annual Field Day of B.&F.B.S. conducted May 6. G. R. Brown spoke p.m., after which film, *Footsteps of Livingstone*, was screened and offering for Society received.

Sunshine (B. F. Goldsteen). — Items from C.E. Quartet, Apr. 29. B.S. scholar made decision. Ladies visited Footscray missionary group birthday. Group attended Ormond C.E. anniversary. C.W.A. members paraded at gospel service, May 6, and two rendered duet.

Warrnambool (F. W. Bradley). — E. Houston spoke a.m., May 6, whilst minister at Port Fairy. Service at Briely Mental Home conducted by minister. Church congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Harrop on golden wedding anniversary. Y.P. and Good Companions took part in Commonwealth Youth march and had tea at chapel. Married couple baptised at gospel service and a father and daughter confessed Christ. Good Companions held church parade.

Woorinen (D. G. Beanland). — At annual business meeting, reports showed that work has been maintained. Deacons elected: G. A. Mott (treas.), J. Leach (B.S. supt.), P. Harrop, S. Rogers, A. Voigt, E. G. Mott (sec.); organists, Mrs. G. A. Mott, Juliet Leach; auditor, Mrs. Pearce. Family service Easter Sunday, well attended. Many visitors have had fellowship with church. Harvest Thanksgiving gifts sent to Social Service Homes. Youth night, May 6, when youth club members conducted gospel service. Attendances have been good and new ministry much appreciated.

Belmont (M. D. Hamilton). — Church shared in concert presented by C.Y.F. Good Friday combined service at Methodist well attended. W.M.B. visited Drumcondra, May 2, to hear Mrs. Heard. Explorers' club shared in hike and barbecue at Red Hill, May 5. J. Small speaker a.m., 6th. Youth service p.m., with Y.P. taking entire service; Alan Edwards preaching. L. Shannon (Chilwell Baptist) spoke to C.E. consecration meeting. Good Companions tendered night to mothers on 8th in recognition of Mother's Day.

Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry). — Members from Baptist church joined combined service Good Friday; speaker, S. Millar (Baptist). On 29th, C.Y.F. conducted gospel service and formed Y.P. choir. 51st anniversary of church May 6, celebrated with good attendances and former members returning. P.S.A. and fellowship tea also held. Prayer mission for month of May in progress, with church families giving an hour to prayer in their homes on Wed. nights instead of usual church meeting. Ladies' groups combined for meeting on 8th. Four Y.P. have made decisions. Mrs. R. Sandells ill in hospital.

Maidstone (R. H. Patterson). — Av. attendances for Apr.: a.m., 90; p.m., 60; communicants, 72. Four Y.P. recently made decision, baptised. District churches met in chapel for service Good Friday morning. Mrs. C. Bradley back after period in hospital. K. Gluyas speaker p.m., Apr. 22. Recent soloists, Miss J. Donaldson, G. Royal. C.W.F. held successful bazaar, May 5. Very good attendance maintained at B.S. Recent improvements around chapel have included new wire fence. Youth tea held 29th, when Youth Council formed. G. Brown (Footscray) speaker and G. Royal soloist. Prayer and Bible study continue under leadership of L. Snow. Physical fitness classes for girls popular.

Montrose (B. White). — Painting of interior and exterior of building completed. Tennis-basketball court finished and in use for basketball season. Church grateful for gift of new pews in chapel from Mrs. Rogers and family; pews were dedicated at special service in memory of Mr.

Rogers. Two new hymn boards also donated. Effective Christian Committal Crusade conducted over four Sundays. B.S. anniversary Apr. 15. Two welcomed into fellowship May 6.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — B.S. annual meeting elected W. Carnaby, general supt.; C. Barnden, sec.; C. Douglas, asst.-sec.; R. Bluhm, treas. Dr. Coulter guest speaker p.m., Apr. 15. Service held on Good Friday at 9 a.m., attended by more than 100 people. Blackburn United Churches' football club paraded 29th; one member of team baptised during service. H. Clark speaker at C.M.S. meeting and tea May 6. Men took part in gospel service. Av. attendances for Apr.: a.m., 258; p.m., 142; communicants, 223.

Maryborough (R. Pritchard). — Nine members of senior group took part in Easter camp at Hall's Gap. Boys' club, under leadership of Rodney Drake, held Easter camp. On Apr. 28, Good Companions and leader, Bev. Drake, travelled to Castlemaine to participate in combined rally. They took part in church parade with Miss Rita Roberts. B.S. commenced competition for class honor banner. On May 3, sister churches joined with Ladies' Aid to celebrate forty-seventh birthday; guest speaker, Mrs. Betty Harris. Heartening to have fellowship with such a large delegation from Ballarat churches. May 13 commenced youth mission, conducted by B. White and G. Morrison, with B. Dowsett as song leader (all from C.O.B.). Y.W.F. held successful street stall, proceeds to assist Building Fund. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Rowlands, A. Kennedy, Mrs. Musty and Mrs. Chamberlain, in loss of loved ones.

Mitcham (K. R. Bowes). — W. W. Saunders addressed church on brotherhood work. 60 Y.P. attended youth tea and viewed film, *The Supreme Secret*, at crowded gospel service. Large delegations supported mission at Ringwood, Conference sessions and B.&F.B.S. film rally with local churches. Baptist brethren joined in Good Friday communion service; great experience of worship and fellowship. B.S. equipped senior school with tables for class work. Storage shed has given much needed room in hall for youth activities. All auxiliaries report excellent attendances. R. Amos (Blackburn) guest speaker teenage tea, May 6. Y.P. later assisted in Youth Sunday service. New hymn and reading boards, made and donated by a member, greatly appreciated.

Prahran (T. Ede). — C.W.F. meeting, Apr. 9, conducted by Mrs. Newham (Vic. C.W.F.); Woman to Woman evangelism discussed. Y.P. of church conducted evening meeting, 15th; three instrumentalists from M.B.I. assisted. Y.W.L. has recommenced, also boys'

club. Church celebrated 109th anniversary May 6; chapel filled to capacity. Morning and evening soloists, V. Woff and Mrs. Gillies. Afternoon P.S.A. great success, with Camberwell Choir, conducted by E. Peters, and compered by Alan Rowe. Great interest being taken in Wed. night prayer and Bible study. G. Burton and Mrs. Carrick in hospital.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Ladies' Bible Fellowship held at manse each Tuesday morning, although only attended by a few, proving helpful and interesting. Sun. a.m. attendance increasing; extra seating required occasionally. Minister reported on Vic-Tas. Conference. Church appreciates inspiring addresses given by him. Married couple confessed Christ and were baptised p.m., Apr. 29. Four adults and teenage boy and girl received into fellowship May 6; these included a family of four welcomed by transfer. C.W.E.F. recently allocated £20 to New Building Fund, £10 to Mooropna B.S., £10 parcel of clothing for Carnarvon Mission, £5 for Social Service Dept. Homes' Appeal.

Doncaster (C. G. Taylor - B. J. Ricketts). — With minister making Presidential visits, asst. minister has addressed most meetings; attendances well maintained. Group of Y.P. attended State C.Y.F. annual meeting. C.W.E.F. catered for wedding, 5th. Men's Fellowship organised "barn night," 10th. Mrs. A. M. McIntyre and Mr. Atkinson home from hospital. Two teams playing girls' basketball comps. Additional pews ordered for chapel. K. M. Crouch succeeds D. W. Petty as church treas.

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McLEOD (Brooke). — To Elaine and Gerald, a son (Peter Byrne) on May 7, at Box Hill Hospital, Vic.

PINCHES (Lang). — To Ken and Joyce, 11 Rubicon-st., Reservoir, on May 9, at Jessie McPherson Hospital, the blessing of a baby son, Phillip Gordon. Brother for David, Neil and Susan.

DEATH

CANTWELL. — On May 6, Rosalie Mary, beloved wife of the late William James, devoted mother of Myrtle (Mrs. Waterman), William, George, Walter and Edward, fond mother-in-law of George, Amy, Tess, June and Eunice, dear gran. to 19 grandchildren and great gran. to 11 children. Aged 84 years. "In God's care."

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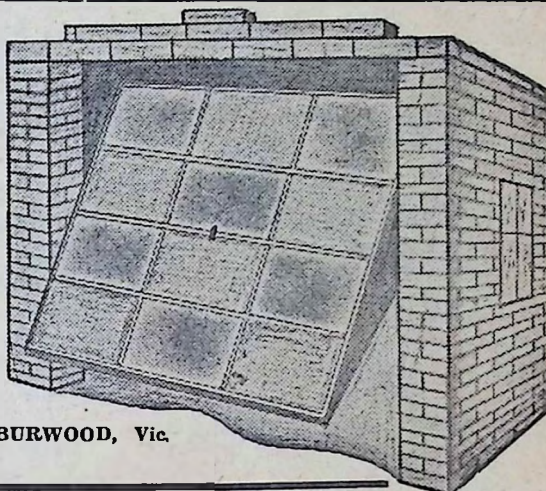
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Mrs. A. V. Taylor.

On Sat., Apr. 7, 1962, in the Mooroopna Base Hospital, Vic., there passed away after a very short sickness a much loved member of the Shepparton church, Mrs. A. V. Taylor, wife of our esteemed elder and secretary, Albert V. Taylor. Mrs. Emily Myrtle Taylor leaves behind very fragrant memories, for as a staunch lover of her Saviour, she was most actively interested in the affairs of the church and the brotherhood. At the service on Mon., Apr. 9, Arthur Withers (Northcote) spoke of Mrs. Taylor's early Christian life, when she served the kindergarden at Moreland. She was baptised some 50 years ago in the Lygon-st. chapel, and has been associated with the work at Shepparton, with her husband, for 38 years. After living at Lemnos for 28 years they came to reside in Shepparton, when she was more able to take part in the activities of the congregation. Interested in her own Ladies' Guild and Mission Band concerns, she also was a keen advocate of the cause of temperance, serving as pres. for

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Stephen George Salisbury.

On March 3, 1962, Stephen George Salisbury passed quietly into the presence of his Lord, after a long illness. His early associations with the church were at North Richmond, Vic., where he was baptised by Thomas Hagger in 1904, and ten years later was married in the same church by Mr. Proctor. During his years at North Richmond, he was actively engaged in the work of the church, and his interests included the choir, cricket club, and the North Richmond Church of Christ Mutual Improvement Society, of which he was president for a time. In 1925 he moved to Box Hill, where he was a member of the Box Hill Quartet Party, who gave their services to many churches of the brotherhood. For many years he led the singing at B.S. anniversaries, and was B.S. supt. until his health prevented his active participation. As a deacon of the church he gave valued service, and he was always interested in activities associated with young people, such as cricket and football clubs, in both of which he held the office of president. In spite of his illness during the latter years, he maintained a bright outlook and keen sense of humor, and his attitude was a silent witness to those who visited him. The services at the chapel and graveside were conducted by W. A. Wigney, and the tributes paid before and during these services bore evidence of the high regard in which our brother was held.

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