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Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

The Fellowship of The

All over the world, in church after church, as part of the Grace or Benediction, these words will be used on Pentecost: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (or the communion of the Holy Spirit) be with us all evermore" (2 Cor. 13: 14). Paul's valediction is so familiar to Christian people everywhere that its meaning may easily become blunted, so that we think of it as no more than a convenient closing formula. This Pentecost we would ask you to pause and ponder more deeply the meaning of that rich phrase, "the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" in the setting of the contemporary world.

The Message from the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi made this declaration: "We rejoice and thank God that we experience here a fellowship as deep as before and wider... In this fellowship we are able to speak and act freely, for we are all partakers together with Christ." Six months after the Assembly, we should not fail to give thanks for the reality of that fellowship. It is not a small thing that in a world torn by so many divisions, we should have been able to discover such a measure of common purpose concerning the unity, witness and service of the Church. Here we have seen for ourselves that the power of the Holy Spirit to bring fellowship out of a great diversity of nations and languages is as alive

today as on the first Pentecost in Jerusalem long ago. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes" (Ps. 118: 23).

All this, however, is in vain, unless the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is reproduced in countless parishes and congregations and in the places where men and women do their daily work—and we know that it is in small groups that this fellowship is often most vividly experienced. But, it may be asked, how shall we recognise it or distinguish the divine fellowship from any ordinary kind of human association? We suggest to you that there are three marks (out of many) by which the fellowship of the Holy Spirit can always be known, though it may have very different outward forms of expression in different countries and churches.

It centres round the Word and Sacrament, round the presence of Jesus Christ in the midst. This fellowship is not contrived by men, but given when we are "all with one accord in one place."

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It combines, as no other fellowship can, freedom for the individual with unity in the group. We spend much unity in the group. We spend much time debating the possibility of "unity without uniformity," but the fellow-ship of the Holy Spirit appears as the radiant reflection of the divinity of the "spiritual gifts."

As a fellowship of love, it seeks constantly to draw others within its range. The Holy Spirit can never preside over a closed society for selfcongratulation, but only over an outgoing society of forgiveness and service.

Such is the vision of fellowship which Pentecost offers to the world. This is the fellowship which we would maintain both for the World Council of Churches and for all its member churches, so that "when one member suffers, all the members suffer with it: when one member is honored. all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. 12: 26). We call upon you to pray for this fellowship, to make it visible in your own place through the enabling power of the one Spirit, and to testify to its possibilities for a world in need.

Here and There

F. H. Griffiths will conclude his ministry at Kalgoorlie, W.A., in Feb., 1963. He recently conducted the weddings of his daughters, Jean and Mavis, within two months of each other.

In connection with the annual Week of Prayer for Unity, two half-hour lunch-time prayer sessions have been arranged for Wed., June 6, 12.15 till 12.45 p.m., and 1.15 till 1.45 p.m., in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne. Those who are in the city are urged to share in one of these sessions. W. W. Saunders and J. G. Shaw will lead the sessions.

On May 14, a large gathering at Naracoorte, S.A., farewelled the minister, M. D. Williams, Mrs. Williams and family, making presentations to each one. Tributes were paid by several local brethren, as well as by others from Mt. Gambier and Bordertown, and from the Ministers' Fraternal.

R. J. Duckett, minister at Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., will represent the Bible Union of Aust. at the Conference of International Council of Christian Churches in Amsterdam next August.

We are glad to learn that one of our well loved senior ministers, G. T. Fitzgerald, is making a good recovery following a recent operation, and is now able to assist in the visitation of the church at Blackwood, S.A., where he and Mrs. Fitz-gerald are in membership.

The Message of Pentecost for Us Today

Guest Editorial ONE SPIRIT, ONE BODY

In any attempt to restore the unity of the Church by a return to a more primitive, and therefore purer, form of Christianity, among those making the attempt (and there have been throughout history others than Churches of Christ who have advocated this approach) two main emphases have rivalled for favor.

One method has been that of "Patterns," and its supporters have sought to find in the New Testament something approaching a "blue-print" of church life, conduct, belief and order which, if put into operation, would, they contend, give us again the first Church and provide the only necessary and satisfactory basis for Christian union.

The other has contended it is a matter of "Principles." There is no one pattern of the Church in the New Testament. The situation was not static, but fluid. Order, government, even to a degree, beliefs, were still in the process of formation. To look for them as fixed is to look for something that did not, and could not, be expected then to exist. What we do have, say these advocates of a different emphasis, is wide general and basic principles. It is in the acceptance of these, and their working out through the concrete situations of history, plus their adaptation to our present day circumstances, that the way to unity is best found.

In point of fact (or at least in this writer's viewpoint), both emphases and their resultant approaches are wrong. The unity of God's people is a matter of restoration, but it is neither a restoration of fixed patterns nor yet of nebulous principles — both of which are far too dependent upon the feelings, the viewpoints, and the objectives of those concerned in them.

The unity of the Church must be found in a restoration of a "spirit," or to be more definite, the Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God. "One Spirit, One Body." The clue to the oneness of Christendom is the Message of Pentecost. It is nothing short of tragic that in the consideration of Christian union we have been so blind as to leave out that dynamic power, and the manifestation of it, that alone can create and sustain the oneness which is our objective and desire.

What was it that brought the Church into being? The descent of the Holy Spirit! And it was this same Spirit that in his working provided the continuing oneness of the early Church. It was only as men lost that "direction," or to put it more correctly, as they themselves re-

M. J. Savage, Perth, W.A.

nounced it, that division and disharmony came into the Body of Christ. While there was certainly not uniformity in temperaments, outlooks and attitudes between those of the apostolic company (nor, we suspect, in the churches they founded), there was on the other hand a togetherness in aim and approach that can only be attributed to "Something" or "Someone" working with, and through them, that supplied the raison d'etre of unity.

Lest this be thought "too much up in the air" let us list three of the things such a restoration would feature:

- (1) One Message. At Pentecost Peter preached, "This same Jesus whom ye crucified God hath raised from the dead." At Athens Paul's sermon was of "Jesus and the resurrection" and in writing to Timothy, who is to carry on his work, he reminds him to "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel." The risen, glorified, triumphant Christ is the one message of the whole Church.
- (2) One Aim. Our Lord's prayer for the union of his followers, "That they all may be one," was qualified by a condition, i.e., "that the world may believe." Peter (again we quote from his Pentecost sermon) answered the entreaty of the conscience-stricken congregation, "What shall we do?", with the words, "Repent and be baptised everyone of you for the remission of sins." Paul's emphasis was that he was constrained to preach the gospel to dying men. The salvation of the lost by all and every means is the one aim of the whole Church.
- (3) One Concern. The remarkable experiment of "community-ism" of which we read in the early chapters of Acts was an expression of the Church's oneness. "And all that believed had all things in common and sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need." The extension of unity into the field of service is as much a natural outcome and development as is that of witness. Ministration to the needy, whoever and wherever they may be, is the concern of the whole Church.

Today as we seek to recover and to show forth the One Body, our greatest hope and our surest path for it is in this emphasis on the One Spirit. If we were to let God have

his way in this, some amazing things might happen. But there are certain requirements to be met for that to occur.

- (1) We must let the Spirit work how, where and when he will. It was our Lord's own statement that, "Like as the wind bloweth as it listeth, so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Harnessing the One Spirit to our interpretations, our understanding and, worst of all, to our conceptions of what he should and is to do in this matter of One Body, is to place on him a durance he will not accept.
- (2) We must freely recognise the One Spirit wherever we find him. The attitude of too many of us to unity is so like that described by Bishop L. Newbigin when he wrote, "Some people regard the Church of South India very much like the Irish police who reported the finding of a body in a quarry in these words: 'Act of God under very suspicious circumstances'." The notes of suspicion and distrust must be taken out of our whole approach to this matter of the One Body.
- (3) Having agreed to these; i.e., to let the Spirit work as he wills, and to recognise his work wherever we find it, then we must co-operate to the fullest in every way with him in promulgating the One Message, realising the One Aim and manifesting the One Concern together with all other Christians.

The only alternative to doing this is to declare that to ourselves only, and to none other, have been committed the whole oracles and truth of God. To do that is to cease to be the Church and to become a cult. It is long since past time that our people recognised this.

One cannot, of course, say in detail where the private surrender, and the brotherhood dedication, of ourselves as instruments in the hands of the One Spirit might lead us. One suspects that it would certainly be along pathways of renewed and exciting adventures, and one feels, too, it might well call for costly and personal sacrifices, but if its fulfilment was as we believe it would be, the restoration of One Body, it would be well worth all it cost and demanded of us. If we really want to restore the Church let us begin here - let us restore the Spirit to his place of leadership and control.

The closing paragraph of the late A. L. Haddon's little booklet, The (continued ft. col. 1, page 324.)

RALPH AMOS (Blackburn, Vic.) says

The Power is There - Let's Use It

Recently I have been reading again a very old and a very interesting book. The actual volume which I held in my hands was over one hundred years old, being printed in 1861. It is called, Memoirs of Elder Thomas Campbell, and was prepared by his son, Alexander. It falls into four parts. First there is a brief biography, then a selection of Thomas Campbell's own letters, followed by a gathering together of some of his speeches and addresses, and the book closes with a portion of his own daily diary.

As I have been reading this enlightening old book, Thomas Campbell has become very real to me, and one thing has impressed me greatly. It becomes very obvious that Thomas Campbell was

A Great Man of Prayer

His diary is full of praise and prayer to God. Frequently we find him saying things like this: "I would devote my time to reading, to meditation, to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." That was his continuing passion.

Many times, especially in his family letters, we find him urging his own folk to make "constant use of the Bible and the Throne of Grace." This, he claims, will furnish "the happiest employment out of heaven."

Yes, he was a great man of prayer! In a letter to Alexander he refers to members of the family, and says that for every one of them he makes "fervent prayers for their salvation," and he adds a note saying, "I feel much gratified to learn that my

Coming of the World Church, might well cause us all to think again, and perhaps more deeply, on this matter of "One Spirit, One Body." There he wrote, "Not only the young in years, but all who are young in heart, will know that it is better to take risks for such a cause than to sit still and do nothing. It is worse still to recline and whine while others adven-ture . . . The better part is to pay the price of knowing what is involved, to offer the life as an instrument of Divine Will, and to act in the spirit of a long line of Christian pioneers who have said: 'We have dared and God has justified our daring'." The unity of the Church waits only for men and women who are thus prepared to be led by the One Spirit to find again the One Body. Are we amongst that number?

beloved children are mindful of me in their prayers."

Yet even a man like this sometimes had hours of depression. On June 1, in the year 1800, in his diary he wrote, "Very dull and heavy in prayer." Four days later, on June 5, there is a note of victory as he writes, "Prayed today with some degree of enlargement — blessed be God ... Resolved to watch and pray and live in the constant exercise of faith, and to cultivate humility, self-denial, and Christian sympathy."

As one said after his death, "As a man of prayer, or rather as a prayerful spirit, Father Campbell gave the most satisfactory and impressive evidence."

Here was a man who could say: "The power is here — Let's use it!" Prayer brings power, as we all know. So, at this point, I want you to look at

A Great Message About Prayer

You will find it in Matthew 18: 19, and in it you will find some startling and spectacular words. It was Jesus who said, "Again I tell you this: if two of you agree on earth about any request you have to make, that request will be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three have met in my name, I am there among them" (N.E.B.). There we have:

A great Promise ("If two of you agree"):

you agree");
A great Provider ("My heaven-

ly Father");
A great Presence ("I am there among them").

In the lives of so many of us, prayer is the unused power. What Jesus says is this: "The power is there!" What he wants us to say is, "Let's use it!" Let this be our spirit.

Stir me, O stir me, Lord, I care not how.

But stir my heart with passion for the world.

Stir me to go, to give, but most to pray;

Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled

O'er lands that in deepest darkness be,

O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Stir me, stir even me. Thyself wast stirred
By love's intensest fire, till thou

didst give
Thine only Son, thy best Beloved
One,

E'en to the cruel cross that I might live.

Stir me to give myself so back to

That thou canst give thyself again through me.

As the Church grew in Jerusalem, one group of people sensed a need. They knew that if the Church was to have power there would need to be a great deal of prayer. So they proposed a division of tasks, and chose for themselves this demanding position, "We will devote ourselves to prayer" (Acts 6: 4). We need to be like that! Like Paul we need to be might and day praying exceedingly" (1 Thess. 3: 10).

Prayer is indeed a vital part of Christian living. So much depends upon our praying. To help us make our prayer time more effective let me mention

A Great Method in Prayer

S. D. Gordon, the famous author of the Quiet Talk books, once said, "The greatest thing any man can do either for God or man is to pray." Many who would agree with that are still a little puzzled as to how they might make the best use of their times of prayer.

Dr. George Reindorp, who gave us those two most stimulating books — No Common Task and What About You? - tells us of a simple but appealing pattern for prayer which he once learned from a nurse. This young lady was a devoted Christian, and she used her life for Christ. Often folk would ask her how to pray, and about what they should pray. Dr. Reindorp says, "Taking the right hand of an elderly patient, she told him that the thumb reminded her of the ones nearest and dearest to her; the next finger was the pointing one, used by tutors and teachers; the middle one, the tallest, was an indication to pray for the great, those in positions of responsibility; the next finger, the weakest as all young planists will know, stood for the weak in mind or body, while the little finger was for herself." It does seem to me that there is something suggestive in that plan.

The Christian who is too busy to come to God in prayer is like a tradesman who is too busy to sharpen his tools. As Tennyson once said,

"What are men

If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer,

Both for themselves and those whom they call friend?"

The power is there — Let's use it!



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

A Page From Our April Diary

Bruce Coventry (India).

Love Immortal — Love Ineffable. H. Waghmode (India). "Greater love hath no man than

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

While going to Delhi for the historic gathering of the World Council of Churches, I had an occasion to stop a day at Agra and see the world famous Taj Mahal for the first time. I reached Agra on Nov. 15 at about four in the afternoon, and had an opportunity to stay with a delightful couple, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan, the principal of a Baptist Mission High School in Agra. On the morning of the 16th I left the house to see that famous Mausoleum, the "Taj", which I was very eager to see. I spent nearly 3 hours in that most exquisite and beautiful building, closely looking at its various parts, the architecture. its construction, its materials. Mahals and the gardens. Everything seemed so beautiful and so perfect that it gave an impression of some supernatural (or heavenly) building. I was greatly impressed by this majestic structure.

As I was talking with the guide who showed me round, he told me about the great wealth and materials so extravagantly spent upon this building. It is a great monument of the love that Emperor Shahajahan had for his beloved Muntaj. And in memory of his love for her he sacrificed tremendously, so much so that even his own sons did not like this idea.

As the guide was talking to me about the great sacrifice of Shaha-jahan for Mumtaj, I was thinking about the greater sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ through love for this sinful world. This king gave up only part of his earthly wealth and glory, But our Lord gave up his whole heavenly glory, and what is more, he even gave up his life. Indeed, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The Lord Jesus has not only given his life for us, but also is preparing a mansion for us in heaven. In those mansions we will sing the praises of his great love for us, the love that is immortal and ineffable. Praise be to the Lord, who loved us and gave himself for us!

As we emerged from our early a.m. prayer meeting with the men of the compound there was a feeling that the day might bring more than its share of unexpected events. As it drew to a close, deep into the evening, it certainly had been true.

Breakfast was about half way through when the man about the place came panting to the back door to announce that our small calf was very sick. Exaggeration being a part of normal speech, I decided to finish the meal, then have a look. The calf was really sick, and at that stage there did not appear much we could do. One of the men was instructed to load the calf into the bullock-drawn vehicle and take it to the vet., but it died before they were ready. With it died our hopes of the last few years, as we have striven to build up a stable of good working animals from this excellent "sindhi" breed cow we have (she cost us £50 four years ago). Her previous calves had been males, but this was an excellent female, and the product of a good cross with a "Gir" bull. Earlier this year we sold two ordinary cows, and three calves for Rs 90 or approx. £9. This was necessitated because of the severe drought we are having. Normally these would have brought approx. £40.

With the arrival of the mail, news came from Dr. Patil that the severe burns case we had taken to Dhond a week earlier had eventually succumbed. A pathetic case of domestic troubles, and the woman had thrown kerosene over herself, then set alight to her clothes. She was badly burned over most of the body, with her face like a football.

Most of the men were busy lifting a 27 ft, length of 2½ inch piping from our field well, as something had become lodged in the foot valve. We had had a similar incident just a few days earlier, which had forced the men to do a quick repair job on a Sunday morning to enable us to fill the large tank we use for baptisms. On that occasion 16 were baptised. We have overcome this difficulty in two ways — (1) binding some close fiv-wire around the foot valve, and (2) giving the well its summer clean out. While this work

was in progress, the report came that our hand pump had broken down. Because of water shortage, the whole compound depended upon this. (This took half the next day for all men to pull out and search for the trouble — a piece of plastic in the pump barrel.)

Some progress was being made with long overdue office work when a person in haste called at the front door. The mason doing our work at Dhorja had called to say the lorry with bricks was waiting down the town. Two of us, taking cycles, rode to the lorry, then went with it to Dhorja. He had come just at lunch-time, so there was no time for a meal. Our village workers provided this. The carpenter who was supposed to be there was home sick. One or two adjustments to old windows required attention. Attending to these, and setting out the plans for the rest of the masons' work, kept us going till almost 4 p.m. The real sting of the summer's heat had passed by that time of the afternoon, but it was still warm as we set off on cycle for the 11-mile ride home.

It was the full moon night of the month, when we have an hour-by-hour chain prayer session from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The organiser was on the doorstep to announce our times. 5-6 a.m.

One man came for an injection. two came to talk over some additional help in time of real sickness in the home. A meal was eaten amidst interruptions, and no sooner over than a grotesque cot case arrived at the front door. The son of one of our village elders, Shankerao of Bhose, had fallen off a cycle at 11 a.m. He is reported to have slit his tongue badly, and his upper lip one or two inches. His whole face was bandaged, and he could not talk. They had tried to secure a seat in a bus that passes near their home, but it was too full, and they had made the trip in the heat of the day. It was about 8.30 p.m. when they arrived here. We provided a little milk for him to drink. To do this a leaf was made into a semi circle and the milk flowed slowly into his mouth, at one side.

Our generator had been giving us more trouble, so the Company sent their mechanic to check over the engine side of things. During the evening we had made certain tests with most gratifying results. It was shutting down time when the post man arrived with a telegram. The doctor at the Scottish Presbyterian Hospital, Poona, had wired to say the wife of the head master at our Dhorja Mission School had had another son.

Sadness and disappointment had marked the beginning of the day, but a real note of joy echoed at the end. THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



W.C.W.F. PRAYER FOR MAY

For those who are concerned with the organisation of the World C.W.F.: give thanks for this Fellowship and progress made. Remember, too, the women of the Philippines and Jamaica, that God may bless and strengthen

Interstate News

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The May meeting of the N.S.W. Christian Women's Fellowship was held at City Temple on Fri., May 4, 1962. Mrs. Bell was in the chair and

welcomed all to the meeting. Mrs. Dickson led the devotion, with Mrs. McDonald as soloist, theme being The Helpfulness of God.

At the roll call, 109 sisters responded,

representing 31 churches.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read; also minutes of the 68th Annual Conference were read and signed as a correct record. Many sisters spoke in appreciation of Conference Day. The choir, the variation of programme, the highlighting of the Committees and the wearing of name-tags were commented on. Mrs. Milne thanked all those who helped with the catering arrangements, and asked that a number of ladies would give her their phone numbers in order that she could contact them in an emergency, for next year.

It was suggested that the choir be asked to sing at Chatswood on June 29, when Mrs. D. Verco would be welcomed as President of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Baker be the H.M. Supt., and that Mrs. Davies (Carramar) be appointed to the Temperance Committee. Mrs. Bloore led in the intercessory prayer. Mrs. Bell presented Mrs. Green with a gift from the N.S.W. sisters prior to her departure for the United States.

Mrs. Anderson (Wollongong) was special speaker for the day. brought colored slides of the work in New Guinea, which proved very interesting and quite up-to-date, giving a good insight into the different sections of the work, and also the denseness of the jungle in which the work has to be carried out.

After thanking Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Bell closed the meeting with hymn and benediction. —J. Torode, Asst. Sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Devotions for May meeting were in the hands of the Executive, with Mesd. J. Pallot, Wyss, Armstrong and Reid taking part, and Mrs. G. Ewers (Pres.) gave a very interesting talk on her motto "Abide in me — go and bring forth fruit." Prayer by Mrs. Gordon closed devotions.

Sisters were then welcomed, visitors being Mrs. Isaac and Mrs. McGill. The prayer text was shared from 1 Cor. 16: 13. The roll was called, 111 sisters responding; apologies numbered 11.

Financial statement as read by Mrs. Beck showed a balance in hand of £880/10/8. Prayer of thanks after the offering was given by Mrs. Ewers.

Conference echoes were then brought to us by Mrs. Flood, and were most interesting, bringing back happy day of Conference.

Mrs. Ewers introduced Mrs. P. Armstrong as President-Elect, and a prayer of dedication was offered by Life member, Mrs. Digwood.

Sisters approved the recommendation that the proceeds of sandwiches sold at Auxiliary for lunch would be given to the Operation Infirmary in connection with the expansion of our Guest Home.

Mrs. Ewers then outlined her aims for the year - working for the Budget being the main point. The budget aim has been raised to £1,200, and three Budget Rallies have been planned, the first one to be held at Inglewood on June 19, the Overseas and Hospital Committees to give the programmes.

Reports: Overseas - Mrs. Gordon advised that Mr. and Mrs. Veal would pass through Fremantle on May 16, returning to India, and that a morning tea had been arranged for them in the Centre.

Social Service - Mrs. Toms read a letter of thanks from Carnarvon for the parcel of clothing received.

Mrs. J. Bridge, snr., the new president of the United Council of Christian Women, gave a report on the work of this Council, which was most interesting and informative.

Devotions for this year are to be conducted by Supts. and their Committees, and guest speaker for next meeting is to be the General Conference President, J. W. Gordon.

Mrs. Ewers thanked Mrs. Fitch (Prayer Committee Supt.) for the very helpful prayer meeting arranged by her on Apr. 27, with J. K. Robinson as guest speaker.

The prayer for Missions and missicnaries, and the closing prayer, was then given by Mrs. Stewart. -P. Reid,

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The meeting at Grote-st. on May 3 was the Home Mission rally, when 186 folk gathered. A special welcome was extended to two minister's wives attending for the first time, Mrs. Ots and Mrs. Griffiths; also Mrs. Dodge (Tumby Bay) was welcomed.

May is the end of our financial year, and groups were reminded of this fact. Our two Vice-Presidents (Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Lawrance) were appointed representatives to The National Council of Women.

Approximately 60 women (representing 25 churches) registered for weekend camp, May 4-6, when topics under discussion concerned being a mature Christian.

Mrs. G. Outlaw presided over the rally; Mrs. Bull led in prayer. Devotions were conducted by C. Cunning-, ham, who based his talk on Gal. 6: 1-10. The same spirit is prevalent in our churches today as in New Testament days, when women served Christ, as Dorcas and others, and the women were encouraged to abound more and more in good work. Two solos were rendered by Mrs. Cunningham; altogether this session was a challenge to all present.

B. Marriott brought the challenge of the Home Mission work. The business of Home Missions is to evangelise; we must have a strong Christian church in the home field before we can send missionaries to places further afield. The offering received for this work amounted to over £20.

The promise for the month given by Mrs. Jones (Pres.) is Deut. 33: 25 — "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." —L. F. Hollard, Sec.

OPEN FORUM

LIQUOR RESOLUTION.

The resolution concerning the Liquor Traffic carried at the Vic.-Tas. Conference of Churches of Christ is wellframed and along the lines of others adopted so often as to become a "hardy annual."

Why does not Conference take action to ascertain -

- (a) how many pledged abstainers are in membership with Churches of Christ?
- (b) how many members are in active association with Temperance organisations operating in the districts in which they reside?
- (c) what steps are taken in Youth Camps, Bible Schools, churches and church groups to pledge their members to abstinence from alcoholic beverages?

What does Conference do to implement its resolutions? -Josiah Park, Hobart, Tas.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., MAY 20. — Preaching in my home church this morning, I caused some unintended amusement during the children's talk when, meaning to refer to a floral clock, I came out with "chloral flock"! Still, as one of my members told me on the way out, I was almost right at that — ours is a "choral flock," a church of good singers. As a member of the choir herself, she is probably prejudiced — justifiably so, of course! It's the fate of "spoonerisms" that those two mixed-up words will doubtless be remembered long after what I said in the sermon is forgotten. Who'd be a preacher?

MON., MAY 21. — I spent some fascinating hours today, starting on the reading of Paul Sangster's biography of his father, simply titled Doctor Sangster. When I first heard this well-known British Methodist preacher during his 1954 visit to Australia, I was disappointed and could not understand why he was regarded as a great pulpiteer. A year later, when I heard him in his own London pulpit, I found the reason, as I listened to a most powerful sermon. Less than three years later he had become the victim of the rare fatal disease, progressive muscular atrophy, and died in 1960. In vivid ways this book makes him live again, not least in the courage and faith he showed during that tragic illness. One humorous touch shows his spirit; unable to speak and disinclined for the liquid food his wife pressed him to take, he wrote: "Message from my stomach: 'Blimey, can't you leave me alone?"

TUES., MAY 22. — Dr. Irving Benson, of Wesley Church, phoned this morning to say that it had occurred to him that he had never had a President of Churches of Christ speak on his P.S.A. I was happy to accept his invitation to be the first.

WED., MAY 23. — A family nightoff, visiting friends. Why are we so busy that this kind of thing doesn't happen more often?

THURS., MAY 24. — I groaned inwardly when I saw the length of the agenda for tonight's Executive meeting, over which I had to preside. But its thoroughness was certainly a tribute to our first full-time male Conference Secretary, W. W. Saunders, who is doing a much appreciated work. It's good for me personally to have my one-time Sunday School teacher alongside me in such a task.

FRI., MAY 25. — No let-up all day until The Australian Christian was "put to bed."

SAT., MAY 26. — We drove to Maryborough and shared in the beginning of that church's happy Centenary celebrations.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of May 30, 1912.
Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Union Talks. — The negotiations for union between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches seem to be a long time in coming to anything like maturity. Since the movement for the union of these bodies was first mooted, some years have elapsed Apparently the movement is still living, and there is still a possibility that those in favor or union will gain the victory . . . It seems that the lion in the path to unity is not so much creed as polity — the form of church government. —Editorial.

Scoville Reports from Sydney.—The Town Hall was packed to the doors last night for the closing meetings . . . There were 72 confessions here yesterday, making 504 to date . . . The spirit of the services yesterday was superb, and I hope to see people hanging on to the roof at Enmore tonight for the thanksgiving service.

Convention of Missionaries, Jubbulpore, India. — H. H. Strutton writes: "We travelled 816 miles each way to attend the Convention of our churches in India, at the invitation of our American brethren. We found about fifty missionaries assembled, and were warmly welcomed by them all, this being the first opportunity we have had of accepting their yearly invitation. There were usually three gatherings each day and six days were spent in helpful Conference."

J. W. Parslow (Qld.) on Marriage Licences. — This matter has been up for discussion lately. We have granted licenses to men who have remained in Qld. only a few months. This was felt to be unwise, and the Executive has decided to recommend next Conference to grant licences only to men who have at least a twelve months' engagement.

News Briefs. - C. R. L. Vawter arrived in Melbourne on Sat., May 25 in advance of the main C. R. Scoville mission party, and visited several churches on Sunday, and quickly established himself as a favorite. He was also present at the practice of the mission choir, when about 700 were present at Lygon-st. on Saturday night . . The St. Kilda (Vic.) brethren had the misfortune, after making provision for holding a week's preliminary meetings for the Scoville mission, to find the ceiling of the chapel had fallen in . . . May 22 marked the official opening of the new school hall and kinder room at Geelong, Vic. . . . At Strathalbyn, S.A., the envelope system is in working order, and the individual cup system was also started last Lord's Day.

QUESTING A. E. White.

At our last Sunday School anniversary, one speaker made an appeal for decisions. Do you approve?

The form of your question causes me to make certain assumptions. I assume that your anniversary service followed the traditional pattern for such meetings, with all departments of the school forming a choir, and with a visiting speaker to inform, inspire, and entertain. I also assume that the children of the school were asked to make a public confession of faith in Christ at that service. If this were the case, I most strongly disapprove.

There is, of course, a very real place for child evangelism in the church, but there are dangers. We should not encourage a child to join the church before he is old enough to appreciate the significance of his decision and his subsequent baptism. Children should be prepared adequately for genuine commitment. Parents are often justly resentful of pressures for decision being applied to the children, often without the parents being informed until after the decision has been registered. Then, too, there is the danger that some children will follow others without a real understanding of what they are doing.

All of these dangers are present in a heightened degree at an anniversary service where the congregation is ungraded, and where the visiting speaker is not likely to be able to direct an appeal only to the older children of the school. The bright atmosphere of the service is hardly suited for an evangelistic appeal and response.

In a sense, every sermon or message which exalts the Christ challenges non-church members, young and old, to commit themselves to him. This is general evangelism, and general evangelism takes many forms, in the home, in the Sunday School, and even at a Sunday School picnic. In the fulness of time, general evangelism will yield to a specific evangelistic appeal through the ministry of the church at the appropriate time and place.

The Sunday School anniversary services can be used as a part of general evangelism. It is possible that some of the children are old enough and ready enough to make effective decisions for Christ. The church must make provision for them to do so, but not at anniversary services.

Next Week: Is the Church to blame for the state of the world?

(Send Questions to the Editor.)

HERE AND THERE

Owing to the Queen's Birthday holiday in Melbourne on June 4, next week's issue will close for press one day earlier than usual — first mail Thurs., May 31. Will advertisers and reporters please note.

With A. C. Thurrowgood preaching, the morning service from Toowoomba (Qld.) Church of Christ will be broadcast over 4 GR at 11 a.m. on June 10.

V. C. Stafford, Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, leaves Australia on June 7 to attend the World Institute of Christian Education, and other meetings of the World Council of Christian Education in Belfast, July 4-27. Mr. Stafford will go to Ireland via U.S.A. and in the States will confer with Disciples of Christ leaders in St. Louis and Indianapolis on various aspects of Christian education, curriculum, publication, administration and other activities. He will visit the Christian Board of Publication, which is the publishing house of Disciples of Christ in U.S.A. and responsible, together with curriculum committees, for the production of lesson materials for our brotherhood in America. He will also visit the World Convention office in New York. The theme of the World Institute in Belfast is "The Educational Mission of the Church." The Institute will be attended by 300 delegates from about 60 countries. Seven Australians will be present, representing the Australian Council of Christian Education.

The Executive of the Victorian and Tasmanian Ministers' Association wishes to advise that there will be no meeting of the Association on June 4, owing to the public holiday. A reminder — the Annual Seminar will be held July 2-5. Please attend to enrolment forms. —Reg. E. Hillbrich, Sec.

The "Back to Wedderburn" (Vic.) celebrations of the Church of Christ attracted many former members to the services, with 69 a.m., 91 p.m. Guest speaker was C. W. Jackel, Peelst., Ballarat. It is many years since such congregations assembled.

As Vic.-Tas. Conference President of Churches of Christ, C. G. Taylor has been invited by Dr. C. Irving Benson to speak at the long-established Melbourne Wesley P.S.A. on Sun., June 3, broadcast over 3 DB, 3.15-4.15 p.m.

E. B. Clapp has agreed to continue his ministry at Midland, W.A., for a further period of two years from Dec., 1962

Fire Destroys Chapel

Shock and the feeling of "it can't be" were most prevalent when church members learnt of the fire which completely gutted the chapel of the South Melbourne (Vic.) church on Sat., May 19.

These feelings will also be shared by the many people who have gone from South Melbourne to serve in churches throughout the brotherhood.

Increasing industrialisation and lack of adequate housing has caused many church members to leave the district, creating a situation which is generally known as "the inner-suburban problem."

This problem is one which South Melbourne has in common with many others, where we have seen many young people leave the district for outer-suburban areas, thus creating a lack of continued leadership and manpower, leading to frustration and a lack of mission and vision in those who are left.

The fire has pulled us up with a start. We can see we must start again. It has given us a fresh vision. It has made us realise that the community, which we thought indifferent to our existence, is not, and that the church, as a loving and caring community of God, must continue and enlarge its work in this place where there is so much need.

We can see land being cleared for a block of Housing Commission Flats down the street, we can see children who perhaps would have no Christian education if it were not for us, and we can see people whom Christ can help.

It is estimated that insurance will only amount to £3,000-£5,000. Renovation is out of the question because of the extent of damage and the old nature of the timber building.

Many offers of halls have been forthcoming from other churches in the district, including Roman Catholic, and these offers have been greatly appreciated.

We have seen this vision of our church re-built and serving. We are going to give our best to make this vision a reality.

One immediate way in which we would appreciate help is in the loaning of an organ for our services, which we intend holding in the back hall, if possible. —Miss Beverley Wilson (reporter), 31 Lyell-st., Sth. Melb., Vic.

Townsville (Qld) Welcome to Minister

On Sat., April 28, 1962, began another and long anticipated chapter in the Townsville story. On that day, the Townsville Church of Christ welcomed Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Gilmore and family to the full-time ministry under the auspices of the Federal and Qld. Home Missions Committees.

Over 100 people gathered in the garden setting of the manse grounds beneath the festooned lights and palms for this significant occasion. The chairman of the Townsville Board of Officers, O. Irwin, welcomed and introduced the Qld. Conf. Pres., and Qld.'s Vice-Pres., Federal Conference, J. H. McCormick, who had travelled from Brisbane for the occasion and who conducted the welcome proceedings. Mr. McCormick expressed his pleasure at being present, and spoke of the significance of the moment in the life of the Townsville church.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore was expressed by F. Hammond (church sec.) on behalf of the congregation, O. Irwin (Board of Officers and Magnetic Island Youth Camp Committee), R. Northey (supt., B.S.), Mrs. O. Irwin (pres., C.W.F.), Mrs. P. Gent (supt., C.E.). Fraternal greetings were brought by R. Smith (Central Methodist Church, Townsville) as secretary of the Ministers' Fraternal, and neighboring Churches of Christ (who, despite distances, were well represented) brought greetings through T. West (Charters Towers), E. Wiltshire (Ayr), and S. Vanham (Mackay). Miss E. Plant rendered a solo and E. Brumby presided at the electronic organ specially borrowed for the occasion. Greetings by letter and telegram were received from the Federal Executive, Dandenong and Red Hill, both former ministry locations in Victoria for the Gilmores, and from the New Hebrides.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore both made response to the welcome and expressions of greeting.

On the Sunday morning, the meeting place beneath the manse was filled for the Induction Service, conducted by the Conf. Pres., J. H. McCormick. Charges were given to both church and minister that they be faithful in the labor and service of the gospel, and a brief response was made by Mr. Gilmore. This was a most moving and inspiring occasion, as another chapter of the Townsville story was commenced. The spirit abroad in these services augurs well for this Federal Home Missionary field, and we call for the prayerful support of the Australian brotherhood for both church and minister.



OUR FAMILY PAGE

God is My Strength

The ones I loved were strong and I
was weak,
I let them speek for my first

I let them speak for me for I was meek.

But they, like me, were made of common clay

And one by one I saw them each give way.

At last I stood alone and in my

I cried aloud, "I'm lost!" but none would hear.

I had to conquer fear, I must be strong

And stand on my own power — but I was wrong.

In weakness I have found the strength to live

Through God who has the power of life to give.

-Ruth Holt Payne.

So One Talks too Much

The spouse that "talks too much" is a rather common phenomenon. It is about equally divided between men and women.

Of course, there is no harm to a marriage relationship, if it is mutually acceptable and doesn't get too far out of balance. However, when you hear your marriage partner make such comments as, "My partner talks enough for both of us," even though it may appear in jest, it is getting out of balance.

Why does one talk too much? There are as many reasons as there are people.

Most overtalkative people feel they must carry the conversation for their spouse: In actuality, this does not prove to be the case.

In many cases, the one who talks too much does so because "they have to." They are compulsive about speech and are giving vent to a compulsive need. While they are talking, at least two dynamics are in operation. On the one hand, they are keeping people emotionally away from them. You can't get close to a torrent of words, for the words serve as a smoke screen behind which the person hides. You are left with the

impression that they are "open and free" with themselves, but the reverse is actually true. They are hiding. On the other hand, the overtalkative person is dominating and controlling the conversation. Their need to control helps to stabilise the situation so that they feel more secure. In many cases, talking too much is a defence mechanism, designed to give security to an insecure person.

Many people ask, "What can I do about it?" It might be answered by, "How can you overcome insecurity?"

People look for a magic gesture or phrase in vain. There is none. Intellectually and emotionally one should evaluate themselves and in the areas where they feel insecure. develop a course of action.

In many cases, people who talk too much can curb their habit. They may have to "sit" on their habit until it comes into balance,

At times, talking to oneself and keeping friends, is much more profitable than talking too much with others and driving them away.

An overtalkative person may try to develop a genuine interest in people. So often they have others around for an audience rather than an honest interest in them as people.

Of all things, a rich inner life is most essential. The way one feels about himself, his depths of inner life and strength, is the way he is going to tend to act toward himself and other people.

The overtalkative person can actually bring into a compatible balance his need to talk and his need to listen. —L. R. Elpe, in Viewpoint.

A Jeenage Code

Do your teenage children ever beseech you: "But everybody else does it"? And do you wonder weakly: "How am I to know what everybody else does?"

Do your children ever hint that you are unreasonable, and won't trust them?

This surely happens in every family, and to meet this situation, the Federation of Parents and Citizens of Western Australia called a conference of 50 representative young people to discuss a Code for Teenagers. As a result, a Code has been published (copies available from 50 James-st., Perth) — not as a set of rules, but to let adults know how far teenagers are prepared to accept limitations and standards — to help parents know where they stand when faced with this "everybody else does it" cry

to protect teenagers from adults who impose unreasonable standards — to give teenagers themselves a standard of behaviour which they know is acceptable to a representative majority of their peers.

Here we give you a brief resume of the Code:

IN THE HOME

- 1. Basic Rules: Parents should know at all times where their children are, and with whom. They should give their children guidance, love and affection, and discipline, and a growing opportunity to learn to make their own decisions.
- 2. Home Duties: Teenagers should accept responsibility for set chores and do them well. They expect to be exempt in special circumstances; and to accept major responsibility in emergencies in the home.
- 3. Finance: Where possible parents should pay a small weekly allowance to cover minor wants and as a training in stewardship. This amount will vary with family circumstances, but wealthy parents are warned of the harm that comes with large allowances. Working teenagers should pay not more than a third of their wages into the home and should retain the rest, with help in budgeting (including saving, insurance, etc.).
- 4. Family Property: The use of family property is a privilege and not a right, and authority rests with the parents. But when teenagers show the necessary responsibility they expect to get permission to share these assets, if working, sharing the cost.
- 5. Entertainment: A definite need exists for more home entertainment. Parents should encourage children to bring their friends home, and should see that the home is a happy place to which children are not ashamed to bring friends.

Parties should end at 10.30 p.m. for 15 and unders, 11.30 p.m. for 16 and 17 year-olds, and 12.30 a.m. for 18 and 19 year-olds. Working teenagers should share the cost. Parents should always be somewhere in the house.

When parents entertain, children should greet the guests but not be expected to remain in the room.

- 6. Hours: 13-15 years bed by 10 p.m. One night out a week. 16-17 years bed by 10 p.m. Two nights out a week. 18-19 years bed by 11 p.m.
- 7. Drinking and Smoking: No excuse for teenagers under 17 drinking or smoking. No alcohol ever at teenage parties. Teenagers should try to wait till they are 18 before smoking, by which time they may have realised the expense and uselessness of the habit. —The Spectator.

Part 2 Next Week.



Discipleship

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Midland, W.A. Judith Hiff, Jean Steele, Sunshine, Vic.

Mrs. G. Black, Subiaco, W.A.

Christine Burtt, Katherine Berry, Michael Harris, Mrs. E. Harris, Susan Jackson, Eleanor Kingston, Blackwood, S.A.

Len Aird, Preston, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich, Wodonga, Vic. J. Randall, Mrs. Gilliver, Albury, N.S.W.

Carolyn Jenkins, Carolyn Hammond, L. Solly, J. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brewster, Richard and Barrie Brewster, Ararat, Vic.

Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Russell, Rock-dale, N.S.W.

Gaye Mitchell, Rosemary Branchflower, Max Phillips, Box Hill, Vic.

Charmaine Spencer, Croydon, S.A. Alistair Lucas, Drumcondra, Vic.

W. Baines, Frances Stewart, South Auburn, N.S.W.

Helen Vautier, North Balwyn, Vic. Jim Kirkpatrick, Bob Scott, Parkdale, Vic.

Nurse Mary Millar, Warragul, Vic. Rodney Ladgrove, Strathmore, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Rakers, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Margaret and Veronica Martin, to Inglewood, W.A.

Mrs. Muerrish, Hawthorndene Baptist to Blackwood, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roffey, N.S.W., to Inglewood, W.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Hazel Wallace, Box Hill Baptist, to Box Hill, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Northfield, to Drum-condra, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Clow, Maryborough to Bundaberg, Qld.

Margaret Cockfield, to Swan Hill, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland, Prospect, to Unley, S.A.

Marriage

Beryl Baker to Frank Coyle; Margaret Roberts to Colin Tonkin, Midland, W.A.

Lynette Rewell to Tony Beasley, North Williamstown, Vic.

Linda Williams to Richard Jenkins, West Preston, Vic.

Daphne Farquharson to Jack Roberts; Daphne Roberts to Roy Shephard; Dulcie Woolf to Don Young, Toowoomba, Qld.

Elaine Odgers to Robin Norling, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Mavis Griffiths, Kalgoorlie, to Murray Cosh, Narembeen, W.A.

Dianne Lewington to Dennis Briggs, Bankstown, N.S.W.

Jacqueline Curtis, Albion, Qld., to Harold Powell, Wambo, Qld.

Fallen Asleep

Sis. E. Lake, Subiaco, W.A. Mrs. W. Ritchie, Wedderburn, Vic. Mrs. Rurade, Carlton, Vic.

Miss D. Winks, Rockdale, N.S.W. Mrs. I. Harris, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

W. Younghusband, South Auburn, N.S.W.

Mrs. Wegner, Unley, S.A.

Mrs. Gration (result of accident), Croydon, Vic.

QUEENSLAND

Bundaberg (W. J. Davidson). — Sims-rd. B.S. entertained mothers at special service in their honor; 80 present. Fellowship tea given mothers and friends by C.Y.F. on Mother's Day. Mrs. Bust (oldest mother present) presented with bouquet. Ross East recently baptised and Mr. and Mrs. Clow have been received into fellowship. Singspiration re-introduced May 5; minister screened films and varied programme enjoyed. Ladies conducted sacred concert, May 25, for Cancer Appeal. Parent-teacherpupil fellowship tea held 27th, followed by youth parade at gospel service.

Southport (W. H. Morton). — Baby minding service introduced. Two new members received into fellowship. Mr. Adamson (Merewether, N.S.W.) conducted gospel service. A man made good confession. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert (Vic.) among visitors.

Toowoomba (A. C. Thurrowgood - H. J. Finger). — Builders ahead of schedule with new Infirmary Wing of Mylo Home for Aged. C.M.S. conducted question night, with Messrs Thurrowgood and Winter as Finger, panel of experts. Question time followed by film strip of World Convention, Edinburgh. Y.P.F. elected David Lowe and Beverley Grenfell co-pres. for year. Margaret-st. C.W.F. held nursery rhyme afternoon; pro-ceeds divided between Crown-st Piano Fund and New Hall appeal. Midweek prayer meeting commenced at Harlaxton well supported. John Finger home after hospitalisation. Annual church and B.S. picnic in Queen's Park held in perfect weather. Recent visitors welcome from interstate and country centres. Mother's Day service given by B.S. at Harlaxton. Annual Mother's Day tea provided by men, and bouquets presented to oldest mother and mother of youngest baby Vacational B.S. well atpresent. tended and new contacts made. Opportunity of fellowship with Keith Jones (C.O.B.) appreciated; message and slides enjoyed. 24 Toowoomba Ladies' Guilds from different churches combined to arrange concert in City Hall in aid of Qld. Cancer Campaign, when artists from various churches presented programme.

E-CHURCH-NEW

Albion (M. H. A. Pieper). - Good representation of youth at Easter camp, Caloundra. 158 present a.m. Apr. 29, when minister officiated as Chaplain at first Enrolment Service of 19th Brisbane Co. Boys' Brigade. N. Smith (capt.), L. Fittell and L. Vincent (lieut's.). Preacher was Ward Patterson (Kansas, U.S.A.). At p.m. service, Y.W.F. presented Easter tableau, The Resurrection Morn. Services continue to maintain high average of attendance. Mother's Day saw 133 a.m. and 127 p.m., when Good Companions presented gramme. C.E. entertained over 40 mothers to tea and screened film, Does Christ Live In Your Home?

Bundaberg. — Combined C.W.F. rally held in Maryborough saw 52 ladies from Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg. Mrs. W. Finger (Pres. Qld. Women's Conference) also attended. Clow family moved into district. Many visitors welcomed to services. N. Linderberg convalescing after hospitalisation. A.m. service broadcast over 4 BU, May 6.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Inglewood (A. W. Morris). — Services well attended. Interesting evening held May 8, when R. Vincent screened films of Northern Territory. Mother's Day service, held by Kinder

and Primary dept. of school, well attended. Eight received into fellowship in recent weeks. Mr. Frances, Mr. Howlett, Bronwyn Morris recovering from illness. E. W. Heard (India) has addressed church.

Kalgoorlie (F. H. Griffiths).—Church took part in united street witness on Good Friday, most impressive ever conducted. Twelve deacons elected for coming year, with R. Gething, sec., and A. Chessell, treas. Mrs. I. Harris, at age of 90, passed to her reward. Minister and Mrs. Craig visited Perth on marriage guidance work.

Midland (E. B. Clapp). — On Easter Sunday, two who had previously made good confession were immersed, a.m. After gospel service, Miss Rie De Decker (U.F.M.) screened films on work in Dutch New Guinea. Church had fellowship with Mrs. Stevenson (Darwin). Girls have entered two basketball teams in C.of C. comp. Good Companions held mother and daughter evening, May 10. D. Thompson preached for first time at a service.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Church extends best wishes to G. Gordon on election as Conf. Pres. Church regrets departure of F. Stephenson and family after many years of loyal service to church and brotherhood. C.W.F. held function at home of Mrs. Worthley to honor Mrs. Stephenson. Youth tee held at home of Mrs. Whittaker prior to youth service. Mrs. Holloway spoke and ladies' choir assisted at Mother's Day service. Good progress being made on new hall. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Pallot in loss of her mother (Mrs. Menzies) at age of 100. C.E. launched quest for best Endeavorer of year. C.Y.F. enjoying varied activities. Sympathy expressed to relatives of late Sis. E. Lake.

NEW SOUTH WALES

South Auburn (J. D. Main). — Church regrets passing of W. Younghusband, pioneer member. Work progressing well in all depts., under leadership of John Main, final year Woolwich student, especially among Y.P., with 2 primary decisions and 5 reconsecrations. Vacation B.S. under way with theme Living for Jesus in the Space Age, "Space-Commander" Geoff. Hopson being in charge. Church working enthusiastically towards New Chapel Fund, which now stands at £6,530.

Albury-Wodonga-Lavington (D. Oldfield). — Ministry appreciated; good attendances. Special meeting of church officers prepared questionnaire re Design for Development campaign. Wodonga B.S. held successful anniversary; P. Kavanagh instructing children for service. Keen interest dis-

played at Lavington, under care of P. Kavanagh. Midweek prayer meetings maintain good standard. Y.P. collecting funds to bring Samuel and Japheth down for a weekend. Sis. Silva home from hospital, but still very ill.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — Special Mother's Day services well attended. G.L.B. billeted contingent from Wingham for annual church parade. Group attended J. K. Bond mission at Austrat, 16th. Life Boys enjoyed camp at Macquarie Fields under supervision of Mr. Steadman. D. Foletta speaker at gospel service, 20th. Mrs. C. King recovering after surgery. Several others on sick list.

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle). — At conclusion of service, May 20, young man made good confession. At a.m. service, visitors welcomed were Nolan family (Wagga), and Mr. and Mrs. Runciman (N.Z.). Church concert in aid of Building Fund realised £21.

Georgetown (R. B. Elbourne). — Church responding excellently to Design for Development programme. Teaching of Giving campaign resulted in 70% increase in offerings. Minister commenced training class for men who preside and read at services, also on witnessing and counselling. Family night on Mother's Day packed chapel. Mr. Combridge and Mr. Cocking out of hospital. 23rd anniversary services well attended; C. J. Mackenzie (Rockdale) speaker. Minister showed slides of O.M. work at midweek meeting, 9th. Following week, Mr. Bruton (Mission to Lepers) screened film and spoke of work. Principal Williams (C.O.B.) preached at gospel service, 20th. Mr. Williams conducted teaching mission on Biblical Approach to Unity during College vacation.

Mayfield (R. Powell). — 24th annual business meeting elected G. Beaven, R. Chalker, J. McIver, H. Robson, J. McCosker, R. Aird (deacons). B.S. successful picnic at Wangi. Fellowship enjoyed with Mr. Bruton (Mission to Lepers), May 6. Church rejoices in continued improvement of Mr. Beaven in hospital. R. Aird and J. McCosker re-elected sec. and treas.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — Number of Y.P. have confessed Christ. C.M.S. invited members and friends of church to evening, Apr. 28. J.C.E. had pleasant outing on 25th to National Park. Minister spoke at Georgetown anniversary, May 6. Visiting speakers have been Messrs R. Elbourne, Creek, Schofield, N. Reeves, J. Henderson, C. Coles. Messrs Woodward and Cocking are ill. C.W.F. held annual meeting, May 2, and had splendid gathering of people from neighboring churches. Mrs. Bedwell (Marrickville) gave address. Mrs. D. Main (Warrawong, soloist) and Mrs. Repton (Salvation Army, elocutionist) gave items.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — On May 13, special Mother's Day services; many families travelled long distances to attend. Mr. Cleive Dick rendered saxophone solo at evening service; two reconsecrations. C.W.F. held children's afternoon during school holidays, when concert and games were featured, followed by afternoon tea. Girls' and boys' club held bike hike on 19th, enjoyed by all. At recent combined men's meeting in church hall, Major Lhyns (Salvation Army) guest speaker.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Brighton Gardens (A. F. Cant, B.Ed.). — Church continues to progress, with all auxiliaries having record year. May 13 record day, with 300 at B.S.; 212 a.m.; £89 offering. Preparations in hand for a 3-week mission with A. Avery (Vic.). Four decisions last month. Newly-leased sports area receiving plenty of use by basketballers. Av. comm. for quarter, 141.

Forestville (N. Gavros). — Some members attended recent camps. Y.P. and youth choir assisted p.m., May 6, finishing day with well attended church fellowship. Conf. Pres. visited p.m., Apr. 29. Seven parcels sent to Indian missionaries from Harvest Thanksgiving. Attendances keeping up well; av. communicants for Apr., 120.

Mile End (A. E. Brown, interim). — Work steadily advancing; 5 baptised recently. 180 at a.m. service Mother's Day, with over 100 at Y.P.S.C.E. Tuesday concert. Prayer meeting crowded for new series of studies on What They Believe. 8 Y.P. registered at University for special youth leadership training. New key-board installed in pipe organ.

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — C.W.F. meeting, May 17, addressed by Mrs. Trevor Turner. Officers elected were: pres., Mrs. Outlaw: vice-pres., Mrs. R. H. Sercombe, Mrs. Wilkinson; sec., Mrs. Bull; asst.-sec., Mrs. Wright; treas., Mrs. R. McDonald; pianist, Mrs. Pillar. Good attendance a.m., 20th; number of visitors welcomed. One received into fellowship by faith and baptism.

Blackwood (F. B. Burtt). — Official Board adopted Design for Development as future programme for church, and committee for evangelism appointed. At recent annual meeting, C. Fisher elected sec., following resignation of W. Austin. C. M. Verco, N. Kingston, F. B. Burtt elected elders, Newly-formed C.M.S. installed septic tank for needy family in district, and C.W.F. has given interior of hall coat of paint. Church regrets losing Wheeler family, who have returned to England. Presentation of

books to two girls, and travelling rug to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler made at after-church gathering, May 6. Mr. Wheeler had served as regular church organist, officer, and treas. during their eight years with church. Present membership is 156, and B.S. almost 250, with forty teachers on staff.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — Family Week culminated in Mother's Day, May 13. On 12th, Kinder and Beginner dept. held annual play afternoon, to which mothers of children were invited. Special services held in honor of mother, 13th. Kinder and Beginner dept. once again entertained their mothers. At gospel service, Mrs. W. Hewes, pres. C.W.F., led meeting. Bouquets presented to two oldest mothers present. Ladies' choir rendered item. There was one decision. On 18th and 19th, auxiliaries combined to produce grand variety concert. Man-into-space competition held to raise funds in conjunction with concert. Over £200 was raised and will be used to aid Improvements Fund and auxillaries. G. Wood (Hawthorn) addressed youth dept. at B.S., 20th.

Dulwich. — At C.W.F., 70 women from Dulwich and surrounding churches heard blind Miss Patty Swincer on training of guide dogs; collection, £13. Church is sponsoring D. Radbone, P. Chatfield and Miss J. Russell for University training course in youth leadership. Good attendances by families on Mother's Day heard appropriate addresses. E. H. Kentish entered hospital for surgery. Zoo director (Mr. Haggard) addressed C.M.S.

Beulah Road (R. Clymer). — Annual meeting, May 19, revealed successful year. Active membership 112; av. attendance: a.m. 104, p.m. 71. B.S. scholars total 104. New hall proving asset. At C.W.F. annual meeting, Mrs. A. Wilson (Newstead Methodist) guest speaker. In addition to C.W.F. fortnightly meetings, monthly prayer meetings being held. Y.P.C.E. joined with I.C.E. to form C.E. Fellowship. J.C.E. has 12 regular members. Junior Board completed successful year in discussing workings of Y.P. auxiliaries. 5 teams entered for men's winter basketball competitions. Girls' B.B. entered 2 teams.

Naracoorte (M. D. Williams). — B.S. anniversary services, May 13; R. Holmes (Mt. Gambler) guest speaker. Kinder. prizes and Cradle Roll cards distributed during afternoon; senior school prizes Mon. evening, when large gathering in hall farewelled Williams family and Beth Killmier. On 17th, friends gathered to say goodbye to Noel Brooks, who is also leaving district. C.W.F. annual meeting held 15th. Officers elected for ensuing year: pres., Mrs. Burzacott; pres.-elect, Mrs. Stimson: sec., Mrs. Burford, asst.-sec., Mrs. Collins; treas., Mrs. Pomery; pianist, Mrs. Collins.

Unley (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — C.W.A.F. held social evening May 10. 70 present and £31 received for Home and Overseas Missions. Splendid meetings May 13. Mother's Day evening service led by three mothers: Mrs. A. R. Gardner, Mrs. P. W. S. Messent, Mrs. B. Wharton. Mr. Wright was preacher, and special items were rendered by choir.

VICTORIA

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — B.S. anniversary, held one Sunday only, quite successful. Geo. Dawson leader, E. Heard and V. Longthorp, speakers. Supt. (M. McColl) held concert, with items from each auxiliary of school and clubs. C.W.F. held working bee and cleaned hall and kitchen. Mr. Rowan still unable to attend services. Mrs. Guy recovered from illness. Basketball team runners up in competition. Ladies helped with Mother's Day service, soloist being Mr. Moran. Church extended sympathy to Mrs. Jenkin in loss of sister. Numerous visitors welcomed.

Parkdale (P. Perry). — Another teenage lad confessed Christ. On May 6, combined church parade of C.Y.F. and Explorer Club. Good Companions (East Parkdale section) held cake stall at B.S. hall, under leadership of Miss Rita Cemm. Proceeds amounted to £11/4/-, donated to Monbulk Rebuilding. B.S. aux. held fancy dress social for scholars and parents at East Parkdale B.S. hall. C.W.E.F. erranged evening to wish Mrs. Arthur Stewart au revoir on overseas trip.

Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland). — Successful Youth Week held May 8-13, with all functions well supported. Barbecue and social evening at Goschen Hall, 12th. had attendance of 70, including visitors from Pyramid Hill and Robinvale. C.W.F. monthly socials very popular, providing source of fellowship among members. Young woman welcomed into fellowship a.m., 13th. Tennis team entered in local winter competition.

Ararat (K. J. Hank). — Eightv members gathered at Mt. Langi Ghiran for get together and snent eniovable afternoon and evening. Ladies held another successful fair, raising £75. Combined class of Explorers and Good Companions completed course in First Aid under Officer Hall and received certificates at final night, when they gave narents demonstration. Work of church progressing well and 6 more added to membership through F. and B. During minister's absence at Conference, N. Gordon took a.m. service and R. Johnston p.m. when film, Christ's Boyhood and Bantism. was screened. Church has had fellowship of Mr. and Mrs. Caddy (Perth).

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks). - Young married couple received into fellow-ship Apr. 22. Young man baptised 29th, received into fellowship May 6. Mrs. Heard (India) addressed W.M.B. and groups from sister churches, May 2. Offering of £12 given to Mrs. Heard. Time and Talent commenced by C.W.E.F. C.M.S. paid visit to Geelong Gaol, Apr. 26. After-church fellowship and sing-song, with presentation, made to Lyall Allen prior to marriage to Sylvia Gayson. On 9th, Mr. Foley (Open Brethren) presented story on tape recorder of "brainwashing", by Communists, of Leslie Milne (missionary in China) and subsequent triumph of Word of God. Members attended H.M. district prayer rally at Latrobe-terr. Much sickness prevailing among members. Special Mother's Day service p.m.. 13th, including musical items, readings and prayers by mothers of church.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — Film slides of India shown at C.E., May 11, by minister. C.W.E.F. meeting, 2nd, had address and demonstration of fruit drinks by Mrs. Whitlock ((W.C.T.U.). Two scholars welcomed to B.S. and one new teacher. Youth auxiliaries paraded 6th. After-church fellowship at home of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine.

Mildura (R. Hilford). — While minister at Conference, speakers were Mr. Nixon (B.&F.B.S.) and Arthur McWilliams. Many visitors swelled attendance at Easter service. Picnic of church school at Lake Culluleraine most successful; best attended for many years. C.M.S. held open night, when Lloyd Rust (Mildura High and Technical Schools chaplain) spoke of his work. Quarterly district H.M. prayer rally held in chapel, May 16. New church school hall completed and beautification of church grounds in progress for hall opening. Church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Reg Green, who leave for two years in England.

Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel). — Eight baptised through teen week contacts and gospel preaching. Number returning to fellowship of church, and children gained for B.S. J. Robinson in charge of teen club. Badminton and basketball teams fully engaged. Several Y.P. came into blessing at Hall's Gap camp. These took charge of evening service on return and provided helpful programme. During absence of minister at Wedderburn, R. McLeod and A. Graham snoke at services. G. Graham, T. McKenzie. M. Fishwick, J. Stephens have returned to fellowship after sickness and accident. Minister busy in visitation of homes and hospitals and active at Easter camp and Christian Education. Presence of many visitors and varied presentation of gospel services stimulating. Harvest Thanksgiving services well attended; gifts donated to Home for the Blind.

BIRTHS

JEFFERSON. - To Gwyneth and Donald, at Orange Base Hospital, on May 8, 1962, a son — Paul Douglas.

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Church History I: C. G. Dredge, W. J. Gaunson, R. W. Lawton; 10 others passed.

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