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Churches and Hong Kong

The population of Hong Kong on evacuation by the Japanese was under three-quarters of a million. It is now 3¼ million, of whom 1¼ million are refugees. The May entry was 60,000, of whom nearly half remain. The Hong Kong Government revenue is £60 million. Using half of this in refugee services, it has done a magnificent job with its limited resources, building large numbers of 7-storey — 2,500 person — flats since 1954, and engaging in resettlement projects in the New Territories. But there is still a tragic 500,000 street, roof-top and hill squatter population. In some quarters the population density is 3,000 to the acre. The population is growing by 90,000 a year.

South China is the source of the water supply now available for four hours a day, and of fresh vegetables.

Until May, inter-border traffic was normalised with the legal entry of 50 refugees a day. Exit and return visas were not uncommon.

The serious food position in China following drought and flood has long since been reflected in the purchase of Australian wheat. There is no reason for serious doubt that the May exodus rose because of the food position. At first, the China guards helped the refugee at the border posts. Later the position reverted to what it had been, catching thousands unprepared. Caught by flooded rivers, hundreds were drowned and thousands sought safety by clinging to the border fence — referred to in China as the "Berlin Wall."

The serious accommodation and food position in Hong Kong and the New Territories was such that there just was no shelter or food "on the premises." These had taxed the Government and Voluntary Agencies to

the limit for years. There is no room for any doubt as to why the Hong Kong Government eventually regretfully decided to repatriate the May influx of refugees. Not to have done so would have disturbed still further the pathetic imbalance and insecurity for 3¼ million of those already in the Colony.

The Inter-Church Aid Secretary in Hong Kong has sent an interim report and the copy of a letter sent from the Hong Kong Christian Welfare and Relief Council to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. These refugees do not come under his mandate, but an appeal has been made to him to use his good offices to draw the attention of the governments of the world to the crisis. The World Council of Churches, has presented the case to a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

In the judgment of the World Council of Churches, of the Hong Kong Council and the Australian Commission, action is required and has been initiated along the following lines:

- Massive inter-governmental economic aid to the Hong Kong Government for resettlement projects for refugees in the New Territories.
- An appeal to such governments as those of the United States, Canada, Brazil, Taiwan and Australia to permit of emergency immigration as in the Hungarian crisis. Taiwan would provide the most natural circumstances for assimilation;
- An appeal to the United Kingdom to liberalise immigration from

China into Hong Kong on a transit basis;

- An appeal to United Nations member governments to refrain from discriminatory tariffs on Hong Kong products to ease the present serious economic effects and unemployment;
- A goodwill approach to China by governments having diplomatic relations with her which could result in acceptance of gift food at a governmental or non-governmental level;



Children are so often the sufferers!

- Restoration by the government to Voluntary Agencies in Hong Kong of the right to continue their normal work of relief of destitute people and to provide food parcels for deportees;
- The Inter-Church Aid Refugee and World Service Commission of the Australian Council of Churches has sent £1,000 from its emergency reserve fund and for the Refugee Services of the Voluntary Agencies. Church food centres reported malnutrition observable in newcomers.— F. F. Byatt.



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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of June 20, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Australian as Convention Speaker, U.S.A. — Our readers will be pleased to hear that Bro. Hugh McLellan, preacher of the Central Christian Church, San Antonio, Texas, has been selected to preach the sermon at the National Convention, to be held next October, in Louisville, Kentucky. Bro. McLellan was formerly a member at Lygon-st. church, Carlton, Vic., and has gradually risen to be one of the front rank preachers in America. It is an honor to Australia to have one of her boys selected for such an important occasion.

Two-Roomed House for £10. — At present, most of our families at Baramati, India, are bunched together under one roof in separate homes. This is trying to them at times, with heaps of little children knocking around, and we can supply each family with a nice little two-roomed house for £10, and I think that many of our brethren might like to have a house put up in their own name on our property at Baramati, for the permanent use of a Christian family, if the matter were placed before them. We will soon have a Christian colony at Baramati, and want to lay out the place systematically and well at the outset.—H. H. Strutton.

Scoville Mission in Third Week, Melb. — Bro. Scoville, by his preaching, has evidently taken hold of his Melbourne audiences, and though he may be the despair of the reporters, he commands and rivets the attention of his audience. To hold an audience of something like 3,000 people, night after night, for over a fortnight, is an eloquent tribute to his pulpit power. With the exception of the first night or two, the ordinance of baptism was attended to at each evening service in the Hippodrome. The temporary baptistery was at one side of the platform, and so arranged as to make the ceremony quite as decorous as though carried out in the best equipped chapel. So far, A. C. Rankine has been the administrator. The total of confessions up to Sunday night was about 600.

Chinese Work in Australia. — In Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney, regular preaching services and weeknight meetings are held, and in the various States there are now 97 members, 13 being added during the year. W. Jame, our Chinese evangelist, has been spending most of his time in Sydney, though he spent about two months in Adelaide, giving the Mission a great uplift. In Melbourne and Perth, the work progresses slowly, but surely.

Are We Publicity - Conscious?

The Church is still lagging badly behind other forces competing for the public eye and ear. In Eastern lands it has been Communism, rather than Christianity, which has flooded the homes of newly-literate people with its printed teachings. In the Western world, the average church, working on a tight budget, spends little on advertising, and offers only meagre support to any united efforts on T.V. and radio. If you want dismal evidence of how little most churches know or care about the art of communication, open some church cupboard doors at times, and stand clear quickly lest the pile of old pamphlets and cards, advertising long-forgotten "specials," should engulf you in a shower of dust! No matter how attractively designed or printed, they failed in their job because no one got them to the people. Some disgruntled folk see these as evidence that advertising doesn't pay, instead of proof that no one cared enough to *make it pay!*

It's true that sporadic local advertising doesn't achieve much, and it is doubtful whether the mere publicising of sermon subjects gets very far — unless it is done with imagination and some creative ability. This writer still remembers the lesson he learnt early in his College days, when he issued a card listing the month's sermon subjects, with his name under the last of them — with the result that the last two lines read this way: "The World's Greatest Tragedy." Minister, C. G. Taylor." Truth in advertising!

Regular advertising costs money. Is it worth it? It depends on what is being advertised, and just how the approach is made. William Gowland has shown, from his experience in Luton Industrial Mission, England, what can be done when a whole church is publicity-conscious about its evangelism. With a congregation of about 100, which had to fight for every penny because of appallingly heavy commitments for building alterations, he opened a Fighting Fund to organise campaigns and pay for all leaflets. Teams were chosen to visit the neighborhood every month, and at the end of two years he had 20 teams distributing 15,000 attractive leaflets each month, and in addition issuing 200 special service posters, which members asked their tradespeople to put up once a month. Church offerings trebled, so that all leaflets could then be met from church funds. As visitors came in response to the continual advertising, they were urged to leave their names and addresses; the next morning a letter of welcome would be in the mail. "I cannot believe a person with any sense will not use the press to put over the gospel," says Gowland.

We grumble because the daily press gives little space to church affairs — often highlighting in the space they *do* give the things that seem un-

important to us, because (from their viewpoint) they have "an angle." But the fact is that many provincial newspapers and suburban weeklies are ready to offer generous space to the churches, provided what is submitted has genuine news value. F. H. Sontag, an American Public Relations Director, advises churchmen on this matter: "Don't demand service; request it. Be sure you have covered in your first par. — who, what, where, when, and how. Be sure to emphasise the news angle. Don't strive to write literature." All too often local church leaders become so immersed in the running of internal church machinery that they fail to use the opportunities that *are* there, for men of imagination and self-discipline. It will take both virtues to make a success of this — for unimaginative writing signs its own death warrant, and unless a man is prepared to work at it, and to disregard his own defeatist, "I was never much good at writing, anyway," the whole effort is likely to fizzle very quickly.

There are skilled men prepared to co-operate, if they feel that their services are wanted. Remember what has happened in America, with the national public service non-denominational "go-to-church" advertising campaign — four million dollars' worth of advertising time given to churches yearly through hoardings, press, radio and T.V. Do you recall the similar gesture here in Australia by the Outdoor Advertising Campaign, and the churches' failure to accept the extra responsibilities which that offer of skilled help brought with it?

Today churches are combining in television work through the Christian Television Associations. Quotas are small, but increasing; they will have to increase a lot more before any sustained, effective television witness can be made. An example of the cost of this medium is seen in the one-minute films shown during "breaks" on commercial channels in various States. These are produced by the Commercial Television Association of Victoria at a cost of £120 each after hours of work (estimated commercial cost, £800); twenty have been produced at a total cost of £2,500 — and the budget only allows £1,000 a year for that work. These are an effective first step in a progressive direction, but it will take people of initiative and consecrated giving to keep them going.

One final question — what about ourselves as a people? How many of today's generation in our own churches are being kept actively informed in the local fellowship of the things for which the Restoration Movement stands? We plan more articles on our history and witness through these columns. But what's happening in *your* church?

K. A. MACNAUGHTAN (Swanston-st., Melb.) leads a Bible study on . . .

A PRIEST WITHOUT PARENTAGE

Of all persons who figure prominently in the Bible story, yet of whom we know very little, Melchizedek is perhaps the most extraordinary. His name occurs eleven times in the Bible, in both Old and New Testaments. He is mentioned in Bible history, in Bible prophecy and in Bible doctrine. Yet the Bible itself makes a point of the fact that, as to the circumstances and affairs of his life, we know next to nothing about him.

See how that is emphasised in Hebrews 7: 1-3. Melchizedek is introduced as King of Salem (or Jerusalem), priest of the Most High God and as living in the days of Abraham. His name is interpreted as meaning "King of Righteousness" and "King of Peace." Then we are told he was "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God," and that he "abideth a priest continually."

That extraordinary description has given rise to all kinds of speculations, some of them quite fantastic — that he was Noah, Shem, Enoch, an angel, the Son of God! In the third century of the Christian era a sect called "Melchizedekians" taught that Melchizedek was not a man, but some heavenly power superior even to Jesus Christ himself, and that, while Christ was mediator and intercessor for men, Melchizedek was intercessor and mediator for angels!

All these speculations, however, are quite unnecessary and beside the point; Bible scholars agree that the somewhat strange language of Hebrews 7: 3 has only this simple meaning: that Melchizedek is introduced in the Scripture without mention being made of his father and mother, of his genealogy and descent, of his birth and death. Not that he did not really have a father and mother, or that he was not actually born and died, but simply that these details (so utterly vital and necessary for a Jewish High Priest) are completely omitted from the Bible record and are, therefore, unknown. The facts stated are used to make Melchizedek a type of our Lord Jesus Christ who, as himself the Eternal One, God the Son, "abideth a priest continually."

Melchizedek is mentioned in Scripture history, prophecy and doctrine.

1. In History

The only historical details recorded of him in the Old Testament are in Genesis 14. He is there described as "King of Salem." Though this has been disputed, it seems that the reference is to the city we know as

Jerusalem. He lived some hundreds of years before the Hebrew people entered Palestine, and when the Canaanites were in the land. It is generally stated quite definitely that Melchizedek must have been, therefore, a Canaanite. Perhaps so. But he may have been, like Abraham himself, of Semitic descent, and, at some time after his death, the Jebusites, who are known to have held the city later on, may have taken possession of it.

But Melchizedek was also "the priest of the most High God." Here is an indication that, at a time when (as Paul shows in Romans 1) the Gentile world was turning away from the knowledge it had once possessed of the one true God, and was descending further and further into the awful morass of idolatry and heathenism, there still were those who knew and worshipped the one Supreme God. God had now begun a new thing by calling out Abraham and his descendants from a world about to be steeped in the black darkness of idol-worship. Melchizedek, belonging to the old order, was at least one in whom the knowledge of the true God, "God Most High," persisted.

The circumstances of his meeting Abraham are simply and briefly stated. Lot, Abraham's nephew, had pitched his tents toward Sodom and the cities of the plain. But disaster befell him from an unexpected quarter. A battle was fought, and the King of Sodom and his four allied kings were defeated. The victors plundered Sodom and Gomorrah. They also seized Lot and his goods, and set out on the return journey to their home across the Euphrates to the north-east. A fugitive from the battle conveyed news of this to Abraham. He set off in pursuit of the victorious army, laden with its spoil. He fell on the enemy by night and utterly routed them, recovering all the goods and rescuing Lot and all who had been carried captive. And, when he returned, Melchizedek, King of Salem, priest of God Most High, met him with bread and wine, and blessed him. And Abraham, recognising in Melchizedek one superior to himself, gave him tithes of all — gave him a tenth part of the spoil or, perhaps, of all his possessions.

So far as we know, this was Abraham's only contact with Melchizedek, and the important thing is that it shows Melchizedek as superior even to Abraham, the father of the Israel race. It is this fact which is used by the writer to the Hebrews. And this is the only reference to Melchi-

zedek in Bible history. But next he is mentioned . . .

2. In Prophecy

As suddenly as he appears in Bible history, then disappears, so suddenly is he mentioned, and abruptly, in Bible prophecy. His name occurs only once in this connection, in Psalm 110: 4.

Psalm 110 is, beyond doubt, a Messianic Psalm, a psalm prophetic of the Lord Jesus. Dr. Scofield says: "The importance of Psalm 110 is attested by the remarkable prominence given to it in the New Testament." The Lord Jesus used it of himself in debating with and silencing the rulers of the Jews. Scofield says again: "It affirms the deity of Jesus . . . This Psalm announces the eternal priesthood of Messiah — one of the most important statements of Scripture." And, right in the very centre of the Psalm, we have the name of Melchizedek: "The Lord hath sworn and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." It is Jehovah who says this ("the Lord") to Someone whom David calls "my Lord." Of course, as the New Testament makes abundantly clear, the reference is to our Lord Jesus Christ. It is to him, then, that "Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." So his name appears in history, in Genesis 14, and in prophecy, in Psalm 110. And . . .

3. In Bible Doctrine

The letter to the Hebrews takes up those Old Testament references to Melchizedek and expounds and explains them of the Lord Jesus. Here Melchizedek appears in three separate chapters: in chapters 5 and 6, and especially 7.

The grand purpose of the writer is to show here the absolute superiority of the priesthood of Christ to that of the Jewish priesthood. Remember that this letter was written originally to Hebrew people (whether actually Christians or otherwise) and this would be to them a matter of prime significance. They must be shown that the old order had been set aside; there was now a change of law; the old sacrifices were of no avail; in Christ and his sacrifice, and in his eternal priesthood, lay their only hope. To "turn back" from this was to "turn back to perdition" (10: 39). So he shows the superiority of the Melchizedek priesthood and that it is of our Lord Jesus Christ that the prophecy and promise were given: "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

In all that is said of him, Melchizedek is made a type of Christ. The silence of Scripture as to his descent and genealogy (no mention being made of his birth, his father and mother, or his death) points to Christ who, as the Eternal Word, God the Son, has, of course, neither beginning nor ending. The priests descended from Aaron filled their office for a few years, then death took them away. But no record is given of Melchizedek's death and the termination of his priesthood; in this he is typical of Christ who is our great High Priest forever and eternally.

In the only historical incident recorded of Melchizedek, even Abraham, the father of the Hebrew nation, the ancestor of Levi, of Aaron, of all the Jewish priests, paid tithes to Melchizedek! According to the Law of

Moses, all the tribes of Israel had to pay tithes to the Levites, and the Levites paid their tithes to the family of Aaron in the priesthood. But here was one who received tithes even of Abraham, the ancestor of them all. Of course, the superior receives tithes of the inferior; even Abraham, therefore, acknowledged the superiority of Melchizedek and, in his paying tithes to him, it was as though the Aaronic priests acknowledged the superiority of the priesthood of Melchizedek and of him, our Lord Jesus, whose priesthood is after the order of Melchizedek.

And Melchizedek blessed Abraham. Now, says the writer of this letter: "Without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better." An inferior does not bestow a blessing on his superior, but the superior bestows the

blessing on the one inferior to himself. Melchizedek blessed Abraham. Abraham, therefore, is the inferior even though he "had the promises," and Melchizedek is the superior. And superior, too, is that One whom we know as our Lord Jesus Christ and to whom Jehovah said: "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

Melchizedek, then, is "A priest without parentage." And Jesus Christ is our great Melchizedek; our glorious High Priest forever, whose one offering for sins has an everlasting efficacy to save all who repose faith and trust in him.

"Oh may we ever hear thy voice in mercy to us speak,

And in our Priest we shall rejoice, thou great Melchizedek."



The Powers of Darkness

A. Fletcher.

Misak was a good-natured young fellow. Full of life, occasionally cheeky as all young fellows can be, occasionally lazy, but generally glad of the Master's return, and eagerly willing to carry Diane on the journey from Nubia to Diane.

Many, too, had been the evenings he had spent helping Dorothy Howden add to the known vocabulary of the local "talk place," so that one day these people too might have the opportunity of reading the gospel in their own language. A promising young fellow, whose real interest in the gospel seemed sure to bear fruit for the Lord's harvest some day.

But he was a native, uneducated. He thought as a native, he had been brought up and steeped in the superstitious beliefs and fears of the evil spirits inhabiting the bush and the sangummas, the spirit of death which is ever present in the jungle. True, the white man's medicine is strong. True, the power of Jesus is strong. This they believe. But does not their daily experience assure them of the constant presence of the powers of darkness?

We shall never know quite how or why Misak died. Different people tell us different stories. This we do know, however, that he died because of ignorance and superstition. He had taken ill while working out on the Makarup road, our future link between Tung and the coast. He did

not come to the Mission when he could walk. He would not let others carry him when he could no longer walk; why, we shall never know. They came when it was too late. The cause of his death may have been malaria, pneumonia or a number of other diseases, but the reasons for his death were ignorance and superstition — ignorance of the urgent need of medical attention to overcome the powers of disease, and superstition, the fatalistic belief in the invincible powers of darkness.

It is for these reasons that we bring the message of love and forgiveness to these people. For "we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." When the love of Christ transports the hearts and minds of these people, only then will the all-too-common tragedy of Misak be a thing of the past and the prophecy of Rev. 22:5 a triumphal song in this place: "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever."

A Word of Thanks

Mrs. Win. Beale.

Often, when confronted with the task of writing an article for *The Australian Christian* or *Goodly Pearls*, we are quite "stumped." "What can I write about that I haven't written

over and over before?" Well, I hope this time that I am trying out new ground, and perhaps it is a neglected subject.

The time has almost passed now when people think that any old thing will do for the dark-skinned folk, and in this we rejoice. When Christmas comes, we can hold our heads high and look the people in the eye, with the knowledge that they are receiving something we wouldn't be ashamed of giving our own children or friends. We are glad, too, that most of the goods which come, having been given sacrificially, and packed by people whose time is already "crammed" with service for their Lord, and the things which cost so much to transport to their destination, are goods which are appropriate.

It is gladdening to see Manko, a toddler, with a polythene rattling toy. Little Visa smiles shyly as we admire her gay cotton dress. Her mother, Dora, is glad to have a new meri blouse. Young Soguni has a grin from ear to ear as he pares away at a stick with his new pocket knife, while Dori, child of a very improvident father, is strutting up and down, sporting a new pair of boxer shorts. Old Vina doesn't like the mosquitoes biting his arms, so he's very pleased to have a long-sleeved shirt. Old Potana has a little comfort, too, for his cold bald head; now it is adorned with a bright woolly cap. That young fellow probably thinks, too, that he looks very acceptable in a new white lap lap. Yes, the people certainly appreciate their Christmas cheer.

The missionaries appreciate, too, the goods sent to supplement the supplies used in conducting their work. In school it's amazing how quickly the pencils become mere stubs. The children love coloring in pictures in coloring books, too. Their delight is to have the use of a practical (concluded ft. col. 1, p. 374)

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Church Hospital Visitation Work

Mrs. B. A. Sterling, Vic.

From the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus brought forth the truth of the need to show loving concern toward all who are in need of it. Church hospital visitation work was born of this desire to show Christian concern for the sick.

Church Hospital Work 50 Years Ago.

Because of the poverty of many patients and the austerity practised in our public hospitals, hospital visitors found that, as well as bringing friendship and spiritual comfort, they needed to bring food and clothing for the sick. These pioneer hospital workers were glad to meet this very real need of their day, and this became an accepted part of early hospital visitation work. When one thinks of the past, one name which is synonymous with hospital work in Victoria is that of Sarah Meyer, and under her wise leadership the work expanded and took on a definite pattern which met the needs of her

tising ball to kick during play-time. It's amazing how quickly the Government supplies of cotton wool, lint, bandages and adhesive plaster dwindle, and it's a relief to receive a Mission box which contains these commodities, and so enabling us to continue in our battle against burns, tropical ulcers, and infection of many kinds.

I wish you could see what the Tung women have accomplished in their sewing class. They love to sew. (How I wish they would take as much delight in hearing the gospel message at the close of sewing class!) They have great satisfaction in turning out pantees, underpants for their husbands, jackets for their babies, and shirts for their daughters. But all this takes material, which has been liberally supplied by our sisters in Australia. The brighter, the better. A great number of the lads and men in the village are thrilled to have multi-colored spotted underpants!

We do all sincerely thank you, our fellow workers in Australia, for sharing, remembering that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We would also urge you to give yourselves in intelligent, earnest prayer, that these people may also learn to give — give themselves to Jesus Christ, and to each other in love and service for his Name's sake.

day. Her memory is perpetuated today by a Trust Fund, which even today provides money for hospital work. Succeeding leaders have kept abreast of the times, and have been conscious that hospital visitation work is an ever widening service to the community.

Church Hospital Work Today.

By using Victorian hospital work as an example, it might be possible to see how much the work has developed since those early days. It is interesting to see that whereas, 10 years ago, 8 ladies served on the committee, this year 60 ladies are regularly visiting some 9,000 patients in 19 hospitals and homes around Melbourne. In addition, country churches care for the sick in their local hospitals. In Homes for the Aged and in our 3 Church Homes, some 475 elderly folk look upon our hospital visitors as their personal friends. Each Christmas, by giving toys to sick children, by providing Christmas dinner for 100 patients in hospital, by entertaining with carols, by quietly telling the story of his birth to a lonely person, by all these and in many, many more ways, is the joyousness of Christ's birth made a reality to the sick and the lonely. From the combined efforts of many C.W.F.'s, over 2,000 gifts and £330 were received during last year for this work. To the hospital visitor comes joy as she befriends these folk, but the important part of her work, and the one which brings most joy, is when she can give spiritual encouragement and cheer to those whom she visits. This is her first task. In the past few years, very much more hospital work among the elderly members of our community has been undertaken, and this has proved to be one of the real needs of this age.

Church Hospital Work in the Future.

As we look to the future of hospital visitation work we can envisage a continuance of much of the same kind of hospital work, but we can also well envisage branching out into further fields of service. Recently, there have been many changes in hospital organisation, and it will be needful for all church hospital work to keep in touch with the thinking and planning of our hospitals and Homes. Interesting changes are happening in our public hospitals which were unthought of 50 years ago. Many hospitals today acknowledge the good results which have come from having church visitors in their hospi-

tals, and this has led some to place full-time Chaplains on their staff to minister to the spiritual needs of the sick. As well, hospitals now employ almoners to help with the social problems of these folk, and some hospitals now feel it unnecessary to have church hospital visitors. This need not worry those who delight in this way of serving our Lord, because always other avenues of service open up to those who serve him faithfully. Rather, we should commend our hospitals for becoming conscious of the spiritual needs of the sick, and supplying opportunities for service by Chaplains. This could well be a result of humble Christian visitation in the past. Recently, at a meeting of leaders of all Inter-Church Hospital Committees, the speaker, Isabel Merry, who is herself a trained almoner, a minister of the gospel, and the first full-time Chaplain of the large Queen Victoria Hospital in Melbourne, said (and I quote): "Because of the vast changes in hospital techniques, and because of the change in our living conditions, it is now no longer necessary to take gifts of food to the sick in public hospitals. Dietitians plan correct meals and patients' relatives usually bring in any needed extras. Today many of our larger hospitals are training schools, and wards are used as clinics, and it is not convenient for visitors to come except at the regular visiting hours." This has already proved correct in some of our hospitals, as some of our own visitors are only allowed now to visit in the ordinary visiting times. The same speaker went on to say, "There is an urgent need for expansion of hospital visitation to the elderly — to those who live in Homes and to those who live alone. Here we have a permanent group of people who quite often have no friends, and who can well do with the extra comforts which a hospital visitor can give." Here is a challenge! We may have to rethink our programme. Such a new concept of hospital visitation will only be gradually assimilated, but it is good to know that our Victorian Committee has shown its awareness of this new need by already extending its work among the elderly, for only just recently they added yet another Home for the Aged, with 90 patients, to their regular visitation list.

The past and the present prove the wonderful service given throughout Australia by church hospital visitors, so we know that the future of the work will be faithfully and prayerfully continued in whatever form proves to be the need of that age.

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A crying room has been added to the chapel at York-st., Ballarat, Vic., by the family of the late Mrs. W. G. Feary, in grateful remembrance of her years of loving service.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER (N.S.W.), writes from his own rich experience of . . .

PEACE IN BELIEVING

After about three months in hospital, I was able to spend the Queen's Birthday weekend with my loved ones at home, and it has deepened my faith in the wonder of God's love. There was an element of sadness about it, for when I left home to enter hospital my beloved wife was there to see me go. Now she is "at Home with her Lord," but I could see her in every room of the house.

These past weeks when I have been left much to myself, I have learned anew the meaning of the love of God and his willingness to "blot out all my transgressions," and I can stand before him in a closer relationship than ever before. The meaning of those words, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but should have eternal life," has come to me with a new emphasis since I have been willing to confess my sins of the past and accept the assurance of his pardoning grace.

I have with me just now Leslie D. Weatherhead's *A Private House of Prayer*, and quote one of his "Positive Affirmations." "Peace, I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. If God will not give I cannot wrest or snatch anything from his hands. If he will give, I have only to take what he offers. I take by affirming his promises as being fulfilled in the moment of affirmation. Thus when he says, 'I will pardon thine offences, and thy sin I will remember no more,' I accept pardon with wonder and humility. When he says, 'I will give you rest,' I say, 'I rest in thee, dear Lord.' When he says, 'My peace I give unto you,' I say, 'This peace is filling my heart even as I repeat the word peace, peace, peace.' When he says, 'My joy shall be in you and your joy shall be filled full,' I know my heart is filling with his joy. And why do I ask him to be with me when he has promised to be with me? Does one doubt that a friend will keep a promise? Does one have to keep reminding him? The person I have to remind is myself that the promise has been made to me. So, quietly, let me accept now thy peace in my heart."

This is just what happened to me during the weekend. I had left my future movements with the Father, being willing to take each day as he ordered. And so I was able to go home and spend the time with my family, and on Sunday to break bread with my brethren and share fellowship with many friends. When

I returned to hospital it was with a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for blessings bestowed.

How very much we owe to God in the everyday affairs of life. Sometimes we have to be brought low to appreciate fully his goodness to us. When in health and strength we take so much for granted. We are so busy doing things that we feel we have not time for the needed replenishment of our spiritual nature. It is good for us when we can truthfully say with Paul, "In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

News of British Churches

Arrangements are well in hand for the Annual Conference to be held in the City of Nottingham, commencing on Aug. 4. Full details will be announced later.

The manager of the Book Depot, E. A. Collins, is retiring from that position, having served the churches for over 40 years. The Publishing Committee is sponsoring a testimonial appeal to the churches in order that recognition of his work may be made in one of the Conference sessions.

Members of the church at Evington-rd., Leicester, paid tribute to F. S. King, who has relinquished the office of church secretary, in which he has served for 40 years. William Mander, a former minister of the church, presented him with a portable radio and suitably inscribed books. Mrs. King received a bouquet.

Dr. A. Wake, of U.S.A., guest lecturer at Overdale College for a short period, is visiting a number of churches in various parts of the country. His major concern is with church music. Mrs. Wake often accompanies her husband on his travels and they have made friends wherever they have been.

The Fellowship of Church Workers is giving special consideration to local church news letters, their format and effectiveness, with a view to giving guidance to churches.—G. J. Hammond.

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R. E. Burns, part-time preacher at Brunswick, Vic., has accepted a further three-year term with the church there.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

In the church where I preach, girls who giggle are being distracting. Can anything be done to stop them?

I am not quite sure that you are serious, but I shall have to act as if you are.

You don't say how old the girls are, but almost certainly they are in the early adolescent period. They will giggle not only in church, and because of church. They will giggle because they are girls, and they will giggle anywhere there is someone to giggle with them. They are incapable of accepting the genteel view that a lady should never laugh, only smile. But, then, they are not ladies. They are only in the land of becoming.

Growing up is not easy. During adolescence there are great physical and mental changes taking place, and these changes have their emotional outlets. Boys become shy and look sheepish, they stand awkwardly on one foot, they laugh too loudly or they look sullen and gloomy. They sometimes hide from company, and sometimes they act aggressively to cover up their shyness. With girls, the big changes of life start earlier, and they are equally upsetting. Girls are self-conscious and weep uncontrollably, at causes that mystify adults. Just as uncontrollably they express pleasurable emotion in a "continuous high-pitched peal of half-suppressed laughter." I got that bit from the dictionary!

Don't exaggerate the importance of this symptom of growing up. It is admittedly irritating, but if you overestimate its significance you may succeed, not in curing them, but in driving them away by increasing their embarrassment.

A girl, we shall call her Martha, but that is not her name, was obviously being distracted from her worship by the giggling of two girls in the seat behind her. She nobly endured it for a time, but at last she turned around with a crushing glare of disapproval. This started the girls giggling at her, but that is not the point. Martha is now a secure, poised, socially integrated young lady, but her minister recalls when she did more than the usual amount of giggling.

Be comforted, my friend, the girls are not giggling at you. Accept, understand, and respect them. Be patient, and be their friend in this difficult time of growing. Remember? You were once an adolescent yourself!

Next Week: Ministers should go to Conference.

(Send Questions to the Editor.)

HERE AND THERE

Have you registered for Federal Conference yet? The Committee is anxious to have registrations in by June 30, and would appreciate early word from those planning to attend the Hobart gatherings, Oct. 9-16. Church secretaries have registration forms.

Roger Woodward, Chatswood church, N.S.W., has won the N.S.W. Piano Concerto section of the Australian Broadcasting Commission Competition.

A telegram from A. G. Leane, received in this office on June 12, gives the following concise report on the Austral (N.S.W.) tent mission: "Bond-Mason four weeks' tent mission, Austral, brings untold blessings, including 86 decisions (55 primary); thank-offering, £770."

R. W. Beadle, minister at Beverly Hills, N.S.W., will conduct a mission with the church at Malvern-Caulfield in late September, 1962.

A. W. C. Candy, minister of the church at East Kew, Vic., has been elected President of the Victorian State C.E. Union.

The national broadcasting network taped the final communion service of L. K. Green's ministry at Chatswood, N.S.W., before he returned to America. The tape has now been received by the church, and the playback has recaptured an unforgettable experience.

Echuca (Vic.) church celebrated its 71st anniversary on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, when there were good attendances. B. L. Pryor (minister) gave a challenging address at the morning service. The Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., C. G. Taylor, and his wife, were special guests for the P.S.A. and evening meetings. Mr. Taylor brought appreciated messages, whilst Mrs. Taylor beautifully rendered a number of songs. Solos from Kevin Smith were also enjoyed. Opportunity was taken to dedicate a wall plaque in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Darlow and Miss E. Darlow, whose gifts enabled renovation of the building and the purchase of a Lowrey electronic organ. Fellowship was enjoyed with members of the Presbyterian choir at the evening service, when they presented two anthems. Reg. Rosendale was organist at the worship service and Mrs. J. Parry at the afternoon and evening meetings. A fellowship hour was held at conclusion of the evening service and opportunity taken to thank Mr.

and Mrs. Taylor for helping to make the day such a happy one.

W. M. Cooper, secretary of the West Hobart church until its amalgamation with Collins-st., has been honored by the Returned Soldiers' League, which has made him a Life Member for meritorious service. He saw four years and five months of active service following his enlistment on June 17, 1919, has had 43 years' membership of the League, is and has been a committee man for ten years, and, for the last five years, has, on each Sunday, visited the sick at the Hobart Repatriation Hospital. He has for years conducted R.S.L. funeral services, and is held in high regard in this city.—J. Park.

At Thornbury, Vic., where R. Hillier is ministering, a successful Planned Giving programme introduced by A. Avery (H.M. Field Officer), has resulted in both spiritual and material blessings. Members and adherents have pledged £17,050 during the next three years. The first Sunday under the new plan realised an offering of £126 for all purposes, an increase of 94 per cent. on previous offerings. The church celebrated its 41st anniversary on June 3, with C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) and S. H. Wilson (Brighton) as guest speakers, Mrs. C. G. Taylor as soloist and I. L. Thomas as organist. The Church Organ Fund now stands at £357. 180 folk sat down to the anniversary tea, and thanks go to the ladies and all who helped in a great day.

Over 60 young adults attended Encounter on June 2 at the Churches of Christ Centre (Melb.), when Louis Fouvy and the Tallis singers presented variations of contemporary church music. The 1962 Encounter season concludes with discussions on engagement and marriage, as advertised elsewhere in this issue.

Miss E. L. Head has been appointed Matron of Emmaus Rest Home, one of the Homes conducted by the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Social Service, and will commence duties on June 25. Miss Head has held responsible positions in Victoria and South Australia, and brings valuable experience to her new appointment. She is a member of the church at Grote-st., Adelaide, and has the highest recommendation of L. E. Jones, the minister of the church. There are forty-seven elderly women in residence at Emmaus. Miss E. Symes has acted as Matron in a capable manner since the death of Mrs. Nance-Kivell.—W. T. Atkin.

New Church Hall

MILDURA, VIC.

On June 9 a dream of the church members at Mildura became reality when the new £14,300 hall was officially opened by the Chairman of the Board, A. D. Leng. £8,500 was in hand at the completion of the building, and the Vic.-Tas. Properties Corporation loaned the balance.

This building represents the first stage in an overall church building plan, and will cater particularly for the senior school and auxiliaries, also satisfying a long-felt need of Mildura and Sunraysia district churches.

The official opening service was chaired by W. I. Nankivell, chairman of the Building Committee. In attendance along with the church members, friends and school children were the Mayor and Mayoress, Parliamentary representatives, ministers of most other communions, and representatives of State and District Churches of Christ Conferences.

Minister of the church, R. Hilford, offered the dedicatory prayer, Mrs. V. H. Marr was soloist and L. E. Snow was guest speaker for occasion. Mr. Snow, a former minister, spoke also at special Sunday services, and his addresses and fellowship were greatly appreciated. A presentation of locally grown dried fruits was made to him.

The ladies catered wonderfully well for the 300 who attended. All church groups participated in a concert held on the Saturday night, and this played to a full house. Visitors came from Melbourne, Kaniva, Robinvale, Berri (S.A.), and from the Sunraysia district.

Extensive renovations and improvements to chapel and kindergarten hall exteriors, paths, gardens, etc., were completed in time for the hall opening.

The hall, with a seating capacity exceeding 250, has a very well equipped stage, preacher's study, kitchen, projection room, foyer and toilets. Provision has been made for folding partition classrooms along both walls of the auditorium.

Architect was W. Lance Brune, L.R.A.I.A., builder, W. L. Lewis, and supervisor, W. D. Clark. The church wholeheartedly expresses its thanks to God, and to all who have had any part in making the hall possible.



Churches of Christ in East Kew and North Balwyn (Vic.) have combined with the Baptist Churches in those areas, together with the Bulleen Baptist Fellowship, in sponsoring an Eastern Suburbs Crusade at North Balwyn Baptist Church Hall, Doncaster-rd., June 24-July 1 inclusive. The Crusade will be led by international evangelists, Trevor Morris and Fred. Levett.

- N.S.W. ROUND-UP -

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Those who attended the recent Conference meetings did not fail to note encouraging signs as the various Depts. presented their reports. The consensus of opinion was that we are on the verge of great things for our Lord and his Church. Many churches reported additions to membership by faith and baptism, and B.S. figures showed a healthy increase.

Three churches (Austral, Penshurst and Padstow) have gone full-time, and the Austral church has sponsored a new cause at Campbelltown, a centre 30 miles from Sydney, which is developing in population at the rate of 10,000 a year and is estimated to reach a population of 250,000 people. On the North shore a fast growing suburb of North Turramurra, with a large infant population, has attracted the interest of the Chatswood brethren, so much so that with the help of the Home Mission Committee they have purchased a double block corner site at the cost of £6,000.

DEPARTMENTAL.

Kevin Crawford, the newly appointed Director of Home Missions and Evangelism, comes after a successful ministry at Caringbah, and brings to his job a zeal which is enhanced by his training as a fully qualified accountant and as a graduate of the N.S.W. Bible College.

Chas. Cole, as Director of Social Service, has steered his committee through a year which has seen the further development of Homes for Aged, and the purchase of a new property at Croydon, costing £18,000.

The evergreen Roy Greenhalgh is still untiring in his work as Youth Director, and was encouraged to see more than 250 young people in the camps over the Easter period. He has been active in helping the development of A.C.E. at Lane Cove, Burwood, Rockdale, Chatswood and Doonede.

Another of our effective works is that being done by the Boys' Home committee at the Boys' Home, Dunmore House, Pendle Hill. It is worthy of note that one of the committee members is a former Home boy.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The chapel-a-year appeal this year is being made on behalf of Cardiff, one of our country churches. Doon-side church has now become self-supporting, and Bowral is seeking the services of a full-time preacher. Hornsby, which is also on the lookout for a full-time preacher, has recently built a manse on the block next door to the chapel.

PREACHING MOVEMENTS.

Among our preaching ranks there has been the usual coming and going,

with a bias toward the coming, so that we were able to report at Conference that there were more full-time preachers in the State than ever before. Four Woolwich exit students last year remained in Sydney. They are Alan Leane (Austral), Alan Webb (Penrith), Don Smallbone (Penshurst) and Bob Baxter (Narraweena).

Movements out have been: Lloyd Read, to Brisbane, Kevin Christensen, to Lismore, and Leslie Green, to U.S.A.

Men who have come into the State are Vic. Parker (Taree), Denby Holmes (Hurstville), Mervyn Bedwell (Marrickville).

Serving on a community level are Jim Henderson (Supt., Parramatta Girls' Reform School) and Alan Norling, Child Welfare Dept.

Ira Paternoster (well-known throughout the brotherhood) is now unable to leave his room because of illness, but is by no means confined in spirit. He sent a greeting to Conference with the news that he spends every day in intercession for each of our missionaries by name.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

This year the World Convention of C.E. is to be held in Sydney. This brings to mind that our N.S.W. brotherhood can claim the distinction of having the largest attended Christian Endeavor Society in Australia. It meets each Wednesday night in City Temple. It is known as the City Temple Brotherhood Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor. A contraction of this title has given rise to its popular name "Sithipsie." It is an effective means of fellowship service for city workers and University students. The president is David Surtees (exit student, Woolwich) and Dennis Nutt (final year student in Economics at Sydney University) is secretary. The average attendance is 80, and last year more than 650 young people attended the anniversary service in the Enmore Tabernacle.

TALKS WITH BAPTISTS.

On the ecumenical level, definite steps have been taken for closer union with the Baptist churches. Representatives of both our bodies met in discussion, the latest conference being that held by the ministers of both churches at Burwood on May 29.

FORWARD MOVES.

A tent mission is being held at Austral, with Jack Bond as missionary. (Final report of this most successful mission is in the "Here and There" columns this week.—Ed.).

There are other moves of a progressive nature which are not advanced sufficiently to be included in this report but will be ready for mention next time.—E. Mellhagger.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., JUNE 10.—We drove the 134 miles to Echuca today to share in the afternoon and evening services of that church's 71st anniversary. Amella had an "extra" — singing at the after-church fellowship, as well as at the two services; she has some old friends here, and there were happy reunions. One thing that delighted me was that the Presbyterian church choir contributed two anthems to the evening service — a most appropriate gesture for Pentecost Sunday. Their own evening service was from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and that made it possible for them to be with us. The chapel renovations and the Lowrey organ are real assets to the spirit of worship.

MON., JUNE 11.—In the company of our gracious over-night hostess, Mrs. Rosendale, we saw something of Echuca and its surroundings before starting on the return trip home.

TUES., JUNE 12. — Back to the Austral office this morning, study this afternoon, and church officers' meeting tonight. I have started to read *The Christian Answer*, by George Sweazey. This kind of title has been used for some rather superficial writing and preaching; I was hardly prepared for the way this man's writing gripped me from the first page, when I read, "Anything that makes Christianity seem dull is distorting it." Just to prove that there's nothing dull about his own writing, here is a sentence a few pages later: "When Judas got to the end of his rope, his feet hit nothing but the air." I'm finding it hard to put this book down.

WED., JUNE 13. — I spent most of today visiting among my people. The more I'm away from them on Sundays, the more I feel the need to see them during the week. The pastoral roots of a ministry have never seemed more important to me than now.

THURS., JUNE 14. — A four-hour committee meeting at the end of a crowded day — how inviting bed looks!

FRI., JUNE 15. — During my lunch-time "break" from finalising the A.C., I read again, with increasing appreciation, a letter received earlier this week from W. H. Clay, M.B.E. There's a typically Pauline touch about the way this grand old man urges me on to make the most of my opportunities of service.

SAT., JUNE 16. — Marian Anderson gave her farewell recital in Melbourne this afternoon; we both wished we could have heard her. One of the finest things we have heard on TV was the warm sincerity with which she recently spoke of the "calm and joy" her Christian faith meant to her. Her face shone as she spoke!



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.).—C.W.F. held games evening, and C.M.S. debate at monthly meetings. G.L.B. display in Lyneham High School hall, June 6. Sunday morning services continue to tax accommodation, with over 200 present. Communicants on June 3 numbered 182 and on 10th, 188. Mrs. N. Clarke soloist p.m. service, 3rd, and women's choir sang on 10th. W. S. Lowe showed slides of South America at after-church fellowship, 10th. Mrs. Stirling active again after surgery.

TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart.—Meetings keeping up, morning services particularly well attended. C.E. now has own library and is sponsoring visit of National C.E. Director, H. N. Pell, to Hobart at end of month. On afternoon, June 10, church's new Conn electric organ played by Don Holder, L.R.A.M., organist St. John's Presbyterian Church. Solo rendered by G. Colbeck, and anthem sung by choir under direction of N. Monson, who thanked Mr. Holder for his services. Musicales ended with playing of Hallelujah Chorus.

QUEENSLAND

Bundaberg (W. J. Davidson).—Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Christian (Warracknabeal, Vic.). On June 3, Don Cranston visited Bundaberg from Brisbane to give advice and draw up plans for proposed extensions. Mr. Cranston is an architect and has offered his services freely to Board of Trustees in Qld. who assist churches in their building programmes. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Watson have transferred to Toowoomba. Sis. H. Rackerman in hospital. £11/12/6 proceeds of sacred concert in aid of Cancer Fund. Y.P. visited local Show as a group, May 31. Maureen Stefan and Jennifer Pohle assisted on B. & F. B. S. stand at Show. Morning service broadcast, June 3. Church regrets passing of Sis. O. Nielsen, Cradle Roll supt., C.W.F. worker, C.F.A. member and choir member, and aged John Petersen, former deacon and choir conductor. Mrs. Davidson ill and F. Phillips in hospital. Mr. Prestwood visited Gladstone weekend June 10 and preached at services there. C.Y.F. purchased

new equipment. Increased attendance and happy fellowship. 30 attended, 6th.

West Moreton Circuit (R. Holt).—Recent highlights of circuit work were combined youth service and tea, with K. Harvey (Camp Hill) speaker, and items by Ruth and Arthur Thurgood (Toowoomba); combined H.M. rally, Rosewood, with K. A. Jones (Fed. C.O.B.) speaker; combined C.W.F. at Rosevale, where Mrs. Finger (Women's Conf. Pres.) gave demonstration of floral art. Mrs. Maclean launched Woman to Woman evangelism. £40 given to Hermann Memorial appeal. Rosewood J.C.E. membership growing. Y.P. had combined night, when Battle Hymn was screened. Rosewood Y.P. join with other local churches for Band of Hope. Marburg 77th anniversary addressed by R. Holt. 100 articles sewn for New Guinea displayed. Rosewood ladies gave £10 to Hermann Memorial appeal. Rosewood and Marburg prayer meetings proving helpful. Circuit executive endeavoring to secure minister for Marburg and Lowood.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

North Perth (J. K. Robinson).—Galloway family meeting with church. During minister's visit to Carnarvon, services taken by Messrs. Pash and Gough. W. Paget conducted midweek meeting. C.Y.F. held combined meeting with North Perth Methodist Youth Fellowship. Same youth group arranged social for C.W.F., June 16. J.C.E. held special evening with films and stall, when £6/5/6 was raised for New Guinea Mission project. B.S. entered Increase and Attendance campaign. Miss Miles (Vic.) is visitor to services.

Dalkeith Road (C. G. Flood).—Church purchased 120 Stacka chairs. Area at rear of chapel sealed for parking and playing purposes. C.W.F. had successful "at home," entertaining almost 300 ladies after service, when C. G. Flood spoke on The Discovered Bell. Education Comm. conducted bookstall during Literature Week. Senior Boys' Club commenced under leadership of Rod. Chadbourne and Sam Anglesey.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Chatswood (G. Chapman - asst.).—Interim oversight of church activities being given by Principal A. W. Stephenson, who assists student

Discipleship

Dianne Steele, Lynette Winkler, John Jeffrey, Lenice Reed, Lorraine Farmer, Terry McCredden, Box Hill, Vic.

Jennifer Scott, Enmore, N.S.W.

Lyn and Lea Bytheway, Paul and Gai Stevens, Dudleigh Oates, Enid Kennedy, David Barnes, Mrs. Woodward, Margaret Kingston, Lismore, N.S.W.

Wendy Scarce, Flinders Park, S.A. John Sherriff, Stawell, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Hardy, Fairfield, N.S.W.

Membership

Mrs. Blythe, from Caulfield, Vic.; Mrs. J. Ham, from Mount Clear, Vic.; Mrs. M. Jones, from Wyoming, N.S.W.; E. Wilson, from Launceston, Tas.; Mr. and Mrs. D. Young, from Asquith, N.S.W., to Canberra, A.C.T.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorn, South Yarra to Oakleigh, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Colbourne, Caringbah to Rockdale, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Donaldson, from Strathmore; Mr. and Mrs. L. Hannah, from Parkdale, to Brunswick, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gleeson, Tootgarook, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton, Lidcombe to Fairfield, N.S.W.

Miss F. Devlin, Thornbury to West Preston, Vic.

Marriage

Chris. Semmens to Barry Thomas, Brighton Gardens, S.A.

Dawn Bamford to Alan Lancaster, Oakleigh, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Sis. L. Battersby, Croydon, S.A.

Sis. O. Nielsen, Bundaberg, Qld.

preacher. Messages also given by K. Crawford (H.M. organiser) and D. Surtees. C.W.A.F. celebrated 42nd anniversary. Rosalie Rofe, Living Link missionary, has now arrived at Tung, New Guinea.

Enmore (A. Baker). — Attendances p.m. on increase. Electric heating system installed in church building proving acceptable. Youth Club celebrated first anniversary, attendance being 45. Club holds church parade monthly and is creating much interest. W.M.B. continues to meet at manse; recently addressed by Mr. Perrett (Mission to Lepers). Mid-week prayer meetings bright and instructive. B.S. well attended. Essay competition popular among Y.W.L. Mrs. Hankins (U.S.A.) spoke at a gospel service, giving interesting message on home life and family prayer. Young lady made decision, June 10.

Lismore (H. K. Christensen). — Services continue well supported. Mid-week prayer meetings av. 37. Church received blessing during visit of "Ambassadors For Christ" to city. Recent speakers: E. J. Walker, D. G. Davis, T. Deveson, R. Lehmann, H. Christensen (Qld.). Church annual meeting elected elders: E. J. Walker, C. L. Savill, S. McDonald (sec.), E. J. Warne; deacons: O. Arthur, A. Barnes, D. G. Davis, G. Elvery, D. Jenks, C. Kingston, B. McDonald, A. J. Stevens (treas.). Church well represented on Richmond Tweed C.E. Union executive, with D. G. Davis, past-pres., and song leader, H. K. Christensen, pres-elect., Miss M. Keevers, sec., Miss L. Oakes, treas., Miss A. Bignall, pianist.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — C.W.F. held two meetings in homes of Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Jamieson; third held in chapel, addressed by Mrs. Elliot. Gratifying to see recovery of many who have been ill.

Albury, Wodonga, Lavington (D. Oldfield). — Interest maintained in all centres. Weekend of June 3, Y.P. time of fellowship. Sat., trip arranged to snow, taking with them Samuel and Japheth, who had never seen snow. Film screened at night. Many visitors present Sunday services. Gospel service conducted by Samuel and Japheth. Mon., Y.P. journeyed to Wangaratta for camp reunion. Sis. Silva improving in health.

Epping (H. M. Long). — Commonwealth Youth Sunday held June 3, with I.C.E. and J.C.E. in charge of evening meeting. Climax was baptismal service; 3 candidates immersed. Attendances consistently higher and night meeting reported above reached 135. C.W.E.F. at monthly meeting addressed by Miss J. Faville (Father and Son Welfare Movement).

Taree (V. T. Parker). — Church profited from visit of Edwin Salmon (Africa Inland Mission) May 28. Message and

slides challenge to those present. On holiday weekend B.S. represented by 5 at Conference at Lake Illawarra. Although it meant a journey of over 500 miles (both ways) it was of much profit.

Carramar (E. McIlhagger - B. Reid). Much progress noted. 28th anniversary services held with two-day programme. Saturday events culminated in anniversary tea and meeting at which R. Beadle brought message. Chapel open for prayer during day and members brought Temple Day offerings, reaching aim of £500 for new hall. Sunday morning saw introduction of Prayer Powered Programme for remainder of year. New hall nearing completion and tennis courts soon available for play. Special memorial service marked Home call of J. Harrison, deacon of church. Kinder. supt., Mrs. Cornwall, much improved in health.

Fairfield (E. McIlhagger - B. Reid). — After 6 weeks of Prayer Powered Programme, three objectives achieved, with record attendances at morning services, B.S., and in brotherhood offering. Enrolment is announced of 32nd Parramatta team of Life Boys. T. Haslam, area sec., assisted minister during service, with record attendance of 97. Plans for erection of new chapel under discussion. Mrs. Whalan and Mrs. Pinto receiving hospital treatment. G. Gonlon, church sec., undertaking work in Perth for six months and J. Hamilton has accepted position of dep. sec. Husband and wife recently welcomed by transfer and another married couple welcomed after baptism.

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — Attendance at gospel meeting June 10, good, despite weather and sickness. Mrs. Matthews welcomed after three weeks in hospital. C.W.F. held pleasant afternoon at home of Mr. and Mrs. Sloman, and offering bags for Manse Fund have been received. B.S. and Y.P.F. in training for Scripture Union Quiz. Y.P. did praiseworthy job in taking over for sec., away on vacation. J. B. Ellerby (Hornsby) gave appreciated message.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Semaphore (D. K. Thoday). — Interest well maintained. B.S. anniversary great success, with splendid singing under baton of J. Thoday. Combined meeting with local Baptist church, held in our chapel, has been held since combined ministers' Retreat and Margarey Lectureships, with ministers of both churches relating their experiences. C.M.S. has been formed, with 17 in attendance at first meeting with Conf. Sec. (I. J. Chivell), speaking on affairs connected with brotherhood. Mrs. K. Matthews and Mrs. Tirrell are ill.

Choir continues to give splendid help in evening services.

Flinders Park (J. B. Baker). — Presentation made to Graham Scarce, going interstate as an Air Control Officer. Junior Clubs paraded at morning service on Youth Sunday, and Senior Clubs paraded and formed choir at gospel service. F. Hanson (chaplain, Queen Elizabeth Hospital) spoke of his work on June 3. Av. offering, £56/10/-; attendances average, 187.

Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D.). — Attendances continue to please. B.S. scholar made confession of faith. Services, June 3, held in hall due to renovations to chapel. Services resumed in chapel, 10th, with many fine comments on alterations and improvements, including new pulpit as memorial to Mr. Tall. Miss J. Hill and Miss Leedham recovered from illness. Youth activities continue, basketball and table tennis teams enjoying good season.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — R. Clymer (Beulah-rd.) addressed service May 27 in interests of Dept. Christian Education; offering received for that work. Dedication service held, when parents of several babies dedicated themselves to raising children in a Christian home, and church members dedicated themselves to assisting where possible. C.W.F. held meeting, June 6, Arturo Taverna (hair stylist) speaker and demonstrator.

North Adelaide (B. W. Manning). — Attendance at morning service now often reaches 30, with monthly evening attendance on third Sunday almost 70. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter and family helping in meetings.

Victor Harbour (G. Lord). — Happy evening spent in form of concert, raising £30 towards clearing off youth hall debt. Temple Day successful. K. Collins resigned as B.S. supt. after 9 years' service.

Prospect (A. J. Griffiths). — Minister busily engaged visiting sick and absent folk and becoming acquainted with church members. B.S. taking part in annual Efficiency Campaign. C.W.F. entertained inmates of Parkside Mental Hospital in June and entertained blind folk from Melrose House in church hall. G.L.B. and Life Boys paraded at evening service, June 10, when G.L.B. conducted service, this being their Diamond Jubilee Year.

Maylands (D. G. Hammer). — Several members attended C.M.S. camp, Barmera. Tour of P.M.G. Mail Exchange by Marrieds' Fellowship well attended. First Sunday in month (Guest Sunday) well attended, followed by "get-together" in hall, with R. Gunston (here for C.E. Convention) special guest. Three transfers from other churches during month.

VICTORIA

Horsham (T. V. Weir). — Church saddened by passing of Mrs. Rokesky after long illness. Her faith in latter portion of her illness was inspiration to all. Attendances at all meetings have been excellent and T. V. Weir has wholeheartedly entered into work of new ministry. Work commenced on building of new manse.

Middle Park (A. Matheson). — B.S. picnic held. During C.O.B. vacation messages were appreciated from Mr. Paver (C.O.B.). On May 20, members of South Melbourne church were welcomed at both services. Sympathy was expressed to them for destruction caused by fire to their church building. On 27th, Mr. Keating addressed well attended gospel service.

Lygon-st., Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Miss E. Jackson welcomed back after several years in W.A. Miss H. Ashworth in hospital. H. Mottram returned to hospital for further surgical treatment. Third monthly opening of Mission boxes for 1962 £1,000 appeal revealed that £760 has now been contributed. W.M.B. sale and concert raised £80 towards this appeal. During minister's absence as speaker at Goulburn Valley Convention, H. Walmsley (Mission to Lepers) and A. Thomas were speakers.

Pascoe Vale (G. Setsman). — Guest speakers in May: D. H. Smith (H.M. Dept.), L. Baxter, J. Lowrey (C.O.B.). Minister on mission work in Hamilton. Boys' club paid visit to Russell-st. Police Headquarters. C.W.F. recorded successful meeting. Mr. Nimmo back home from St. Elmo Hospital. Contract for new worship centre signed and building work ready to commence.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Monthly fellowship commenced (12 members present at first meeting) at home of member at Numurkah, where several members live. Special services enjoyed on Mother's Day, and church Gazette featured photograph and suitable story, in memory of late Mrs. A. V. Taylor. Profitable time Temple Day; tea and rally, June 2, and special services on 3rd; all well attended. Inspiring addresses by guest speaker, D. H. Smith (H.M. Dept.). Visiting artists were Carr Brothers (Geelong and Melbourne), who delighted with numerous messages in song. Mrs. A. W. Carr, snr., accompanied them at piano. Special offering, still open, has reached £230, and is added to New Building Fund. Figures show increase in attendances, communicants and offerings over recent months.

Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry). — Membership helped by prayer mission during May. Youth service, 27th. C.W.E.F. held birthday social, June 5, with visitors from surrounding Churches

of Christ. Six Y.P. baptised, 10th. C.M.S. and Explorer Club combined for sports night, 11th. C.W.A.F. had birthday luncheon, 12th, with Mrs. Stafford (Women's Conf. Pres.) as speaker. Young man made decision recently.

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Church received good auxiliary reports at business meeting. Messrs. Marsh and Jenkins returned as sec. and treas., M. McColl, F. Lowery and Sis. G. Hansford returned as deacons. Chapel packed p.m., May 20, when large group of Masonic Masters and their families attended. Mrs. M. Harris was soloist, and time of fellowship held after meeting. Youth Club enjoyed travelogue from Mr. Thompson (Redex). Two young married couples have transferred from sister churches. Mr. Rowan still confined to his home. K. Masterton spoke to C.M.S. Y.P. had barbecue at home of preacher and picnic to Nagambie, June 4.

Croydon (W. J. Thomson). — On May 20, C.Y.F. and leaders held weekend camp at Blackwood. On 21st, they held successful "pick-a-box" night, in aid of Extension Fund. C.W.E.F. held monthly church parade on 27th. At their monthly meeting, June 5, they made gifts for Children's Hospital. Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. J. Williams, Sheryl Prince home after hospitalisation. C.W.F. held barbecue at home of Mrs. Sterling, after which Mrs. Banks screened films. In absence of minister in Sydney, 10th, F. Sterling and J. Lowrey addressed services. C.Y.F. held monthly church parade, p.m.

Mitcham (K. Bowes, M.A.). — Special gospel service conducted by mothers of church. Good representation from Mitcham attended Eastern District fellowship tea at Boronia. Donations of money and clothing received for Marshall family, recently burnt out. Good Companions have attendance of 20 at meetings. Youth tea, May 27; after evening service film screened on work of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Much sickness among members. Visiting speaker at C.W.A.F. was Mrs. Adkin, on Social Service work. Visitors welcomed, June 10.

Prahran (T. H. Ede). — At C.W.F. meeting, May 21, Mrs. Barnett gave illustrated talk on Aboriginal work. Aboriginal "penny bags" received. Mr. Young (Qld.), brother of Hospital Chaplain, meeting with church. Two Y.P. rededicated lives to Christ. B.S. youth confessed Christ, June 3. Boys from newly formed boys' club conducted service, 10th; Misses Donaldson rendered duet and solo. Y.P. served supper after service.

Pyramid (C. G. Henderson). — Church paper, *The Pyramid Pinnacle*, issued weekly. With introduction of family night, first Friday in each month, and youth special every two months, conducted by minister, much

enthusiasm created, as shown by well attended meetings. Hall at rear of chapel nearing completion. C.W.F. has contributed £1,100 to cost of new hall. Chapel received new coat of paint to blend with hall. All auxiliaries well attended, with prayer and Bible study up to 17. Church attendance averages for May: a.m., 32; p.m., 34; B.B. 25, B.S., 16. Chapel nearly filled for B.S. anniversary services. "Bring a friend" evening service proved very successful, May 27. Church expressed sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Broad at loss of their infant daughter, Sharon.

Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland). — Morning service, May 27, broadcast over 3SH. C.E. held successful barbecue at Murray Downs lake, 25th. Saturday night fellowship had excellent attendance, June 2; C. King (Methodist) speaker. D. Trelecar and W. Cockroft speakers on 3rd. Church choir formed, assisting in gospel services. Church joined with other Protestant congregations in special week of prayer for Christian unity.

Ormond (R. C. McKenzie, B.A.). — All clubs and auxiliaries report good attendances. May 26, Y.P.C.E. held car rally in aid of New Guinea fund. P.B.P. and K.S.P. held combined social, 31st. Church attendances very good. Minister has been giving enlightening talks on Ten Commandments at evening services, also short commentary on various items from news of previous week. Special men's service held 20th; C.M.S. members took part and also presented male quartet.

Boronia (J. A. Manallack). — Av. May: 139 a.m.; 75 p.m.; 138 communicants. 130 present p.m. May 6, when all youth auxiliaries paraded and dedication of leaders held. Explorers held display night, proceeds going to Monbulk Appeal. R. Brough gave demonstration of fruit-tree pruning at C.M.S. meeting. C.W.F. enjoyed cooking demonstration by O-So-Lite. Y.P. joined with others for combined Eastern District outing to Marysville, June 4. 7 B.S. scholars welcomed into membership following baptisms. Married couple welcomed by transfer. Major Francis spoke at meeting of C.W.E.F., 10th, on his work with boys at Salvation Army Training Farm.

Dandenong (A. R. Lloyd). — Church very grateful to all who assisted during ten weeks between ministries, some on a number of occasions. Church very much grieved during this time to have lost, through death, four loved lady members, also a young B.S. scholar (accidentally killed), and offers sympathy to all bereaved. F. Selby recovering in hospital from severe heart attack. W. Berthelsen also in hospital. 50 Y.P. attended youth tea at home of Mr. and Mrs. Mottram, June 3; Wal Tanner (St. John's Ambulance) guest speaker.

BIRTHS

AUSTIN (Glen). — To Jeanette and Lance, at Q.E.M.H., South Aust., on June 7, a daughter — Julie Lyndell. Both well.

DUNN (Johnston). — On June 4, at St. George's, Kew, Vic., to Nancie and Ern., 17 Athelstane-gr., Ivanhoe — a daughter. Stillborn.

McDONALD (Harris). — On June 10, at W.G.H., Warragul, Vic., to Val and Hugh, a son — Trevor Scott. Brother for Bryan and Geoffrey.

MOYES (Vernon). — To Beverley and Gordon, Ascot Vale-Newmarket, Vic., at Bethesda, Vic., on June 4, a daughter — Jeanette Nola. Both well.

DEATHS

BARKLA, Lillian Victoria. — On June 8, widow of Stephen, loved mother of Gwen (Mrs. W. N. McCann) and Dulcie (Mrs. C. J. Pope); mother-in-law of Neil and Jim, gran. of Robin, Peter, Janet (dec.) and Merran McCann, David, Roger, Barbara, Jonathan Pope. "Sweet peace — the gift of God's love."

BARKLA (nee Dale). — On June 8, Lillian Victoria, loved auntie of Elsie and George Seal, great aunt of Shirley (Mrs. S. Best) and Beverly (Mrs. Fewster). "Always remembered."

BROAD, Sharon Elizabeth. — On May 31, loved baby daughter of Heather and Arthur, aged 6 weeks. "In the Lord's keeping."

BROAD, Sharon Elizabeth. — Six weeks. Loved granddaughter of Beth. and Will. Broad, and niece of David, Frances, Trevor, Elsie, Lois and Glen. "In God's care she rests above, In our hearts she dwells with love."

EATON. — On June 12 (suddenly), at her daughter's residence, Jessie Maria, 77 Alfred-st., Prahran, Vic., loved wife of the late Ernest Henry, loved mother of Jessie (dec.), Ern., Joy and Glad (Mrs. Miles); loved mother-in-law of Kit and Keith, loved nana of Peter, Michael, John, James, Susan and Kaye. "In God's care."

IN MEMORIAM

BAXTER, Noela. — In loving memory of a wonderful sister, passed away June 17, 1961. "Treasured memories." — Inserted by Clarice (Mrs. Robertson), Rona (Mrs. Cassidy) and Phyllis (Mrs. Sutherland) and families.

HANCOCK. — In loving memory of our dear mother, Alice Maude, who passed away, June 19, 1953. "In heavenly love abiding."

KING - KLEASE. — Treasured memories of our dearly beloved daughters, Dulcie Isobel King, passed away June 21, 1958; and Jean A. Klease, passed away Feb. 15, 1948. "Resting where no shadows fall."

— Inserted by their parents, F. and E. Nash.

ENGAGEMENT

HARRIS - KEMPSTER. — Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Harris, Springbank, S.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Alvie, to Arch, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kempster, Daw Park, S.A. Both members of Colonel Light Gardens Church of Christ.

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BROAD - EVANS. — On June 16, 1962, at the Church of Christ, Morawa, West. Aust., Lorraine Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Evans, West. Aust., to David Albert, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Will. Broad, "Deloraine," Pyramid, Vic.

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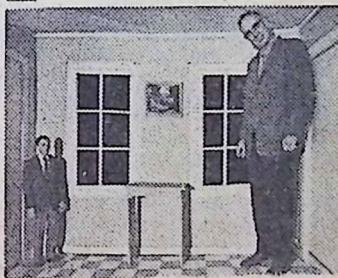
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Stawell. — For past two months, brethren from York-st., Ballarat, have travelled to Stawell each Sunday to preach at services. For most of this period church served by F. J. Sheriff, who also conducted evening services, at which he had joy of taking confession of his grandson and baptising him. At recent Morris-Levett mission, arranged by Baptist church, 6 of our Y.P. confessed Christ. Their baptism is being arranged.

Tootgarook (H. A. Hunt). — Church saddened by sudden passing of Mr. Greenaway, and extends sympathy to Mrs. Greenaway and daughter. Church thanks E. Buckmaster, A. Thomas, A. Pigdon, who spoke during minister's vacation. C.E. membership increasing. Fellowship tea, June 3, very encouraging. D. Watt screened film at evening service. Two received into fellowship, 10th.

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