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Forty Years in Ministry

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"You've been forty years in the ministry," said the Editor when he requested me to write this article. Then it dawned on me. In December, 1921, Ararat, Vic., was the scene of my first full-time ministry, which is now in its forty-first year — the whole period having been spent in Victoria.

It's not long enough. Were it not for certain stern necessities, I could welcome a further forty years to serve my Master and my brethren in some way appropriate to my capacities and experience. There is so much to be done, such obvious needs, and such wondrous opportunities.

But I must focus upon the past forty years, although I am infinitely more concerned about the next forty. I shall endeavor to recover something of those four decades, partly in relation to our own brotherhood and partly in relation to the wider scene.

A Wider Ministry

Our people have an enlarged view of the Church's ministry compared with forty years ago. They see a deeper and more comprehensive meaning in the gospel of Christ. Those who today emphasise the social responsibilities of the Christian Church are less likely to be charged with preaching a social gospel. Most see clearly that there is only one gospel, and that it has social as well as personal implications. It is not possible to save a man's soul apart from the man himself. The gospel has to do with everything on earth which influences relationships between man and man. This explains the Church's concern with basic economic policies, with industry as its conditions touch

men, and with international relationships. War and peace become matters of desperate concern to the Church, since they touch the lives of people so intimately and sometimes so tragically. Our people see more clearly than they used to that since the Christian gospel is adequate, it must touch life at these vital spots. We may not know the final word the gospel has to say in these circumstances, but we do know enough of its message to seek together a further understanding of God's word for our day.

Worship

There is greater reverence and order in worship than there used to be. Whilst there was undoubtedly sincerity and even fervor, there was less order — less interest in the aesthetic. Sometimes worship was conducted with the barest minimum of preparation, and some evening services resembled street corner meetings. Recently I observed a very reverent and impressive baptismal service conducted as part of a morning service, and another as an integral part of evening worship. I could not help contrasting them with some I had witnessed in past years.

It is true that warmth and spontaneity may be crowded out if too much emphasis is laid upon form, but too often dignity and reverence are excluded by the lack of it. Many of our services still leave room for advance in this direction. But I think we understand that the corporate worship of God by his people is a sacred and holy experience which yields the most in our lives when we give it our best.

Architecture

Architectural trends in our buildings reveal a greater appreciation of the relation of the aesthetic to worship and witness. Expression of religious faith in architectural forms is a tradition. In our earlier days we offered little response to this — possibly because it was regarded as "human." It might almost be said that we placed a premium on plainness. This was certainly true of most of our country chapels, with their box porches in front of the rectangular chapel, and a skillion vestry at the rear. The finest pieces of architecture were buildings purchased from other religious bodies — Swanston-st., Melbourne, and Latrobe-terrace, Geelong, Vic., being examples. It is pleasing to see in some of our more modern buildings the combination of beauty and utility.

This does not mean that the less ornate buildings were more utilitarian. Usually they provided the bare necessities — sometimes very bare indeed. This is not a harsh criticism. It simply reflected the outlook, and perhaps the economic resources of the day.

Facilities provided for recreational and educational purposes in the building programmes of many of our forward-looking churches are reason for encouragement. Religious education programmes for all age groups and the increasing inducement for families to build their spare-time interests around the church centre are most encouraging features. Forty years have made a difference in this respect.

Things Ecumenical

During the latter part of these four decades, the ecumenical movement has assumed a large place in religious life. Whether or not we favor it, there can be no doubt that it is one of the most important facts of our time. Regardless of what has been accomplished already in areas such as Inter-Church Aid, the movement has been instrumental in breaking down barriers to Christian fellowship and creating a climate conducive to understanding and co-operation. Many who for conscientious reasons oppose the World Council of Churches seek fellowship with Christians across denominational barriers, and form rival fellowships. This suggests that, in the final analysis, ecumenism, although the emphasis may vary, reaches beyond the immediate influence of the World Council.

This contrasts with the climate of forty years ago. There was some co-operation with other communions, but it was tentative, careful and reserved. Some feared that friendliness and fraternisation would leave them open to criticism for "compromising our position." Today we believe that convictions are worthless that cannot stand confrontation with those of

fellow Christians who differ from us. We are in greater danger of compromising the spirit of Christ by lack of friendliness and Christian co-operation. This is a notable change.

Evangelism

Although I have been forty years in the full-time ministry, it is more than forty-five years since I started preaching. That was during the first World War. Tens of thousands of young men were engaged in military service, many of them the cream of the churches' young manhood. The loss of them was a grievous blow to many churches, and religious life seemed to lose some of its buoyancy and optimism. In some cases it amounted to frustration. But there was hope. Revival would follow the war. But it didn't. Economic depression did, and then another World War. Although the Church did many fine things, there was a depressing feeling that all was not right with her. The kind of revival expected never came. But there are signs of spiritual awakening. The Church today is getting to closer grips with the task of confronting men with Christ.

The lay evangelism movement, industrial and other chaplaincies, all-age Christian education programmes, the emphasis on Christian stewardship, the obvious evangelistic zeal manifested in most communions and the major place that evangelism has in inter-church councils — these are some of the signs that God is leading the Church to renewed concerns and new conquests.

We in Australia are slow to learn that the only evangelism which can really meet the needs of our day, or any day, is one which involves the continuing activity of church members. There is room for specialists, but the church which relies on them is falling down on its job. Real evangelism is in deed more than in word. The Word became flesh. In the flesh he served men even unto death. We find it more convenient for flesh to become words. Service, sacrifice, suffering and death are bypassed. So our words become sounding brass and clanging cymbal. "Jesus was known after his resurrection," says James Matheson, "by the marks of his suffering. And the Church, when it is really the Church, is known in the same way."

Confusion and Tension

These forty years have witnessed confusion and tensions in the brotherhood. Tensions have arisen largely because of confusion. Many among us have only a most meagre first-hand knowledge of the basic principles of our Movement. The real passion and concern for unity which brought it into being have neither been understood nor shared. Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address throbs with the profound feeling of a man with a magnificent obsession. Born

in a day of almost tragic religious conflict and rigid religious ideas, it breathed the warm and healthy spirit of tolerance, liberty and Christian forbearance. Strong emphasis was made upon the authority of the Bible, but it was the Bible which was the objective authority, and not someone's opinion about the Bible. The subsequent liberal-fundamentalist controversy, which has cut across denominational boundaries, has affected our Movement. Many of our people, knowing little of the basic principles and the spirit of the Movement, wrongly imagine that "our plea" is synonymous with fundamentalism. Others believe that rigid fundamentalism is no more compatible with the Restoration Movement than is a reckless liberalism which destroys the authority of the Scriptures.

These points of view are basically responsible for our tensions. Members of Churches of Christ, children of the Restoration Movement, whose forefathers rejected human authority, can resolve these tensions. They must re-discover the genius of the pioneers, accept the final authority of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, and decline to make human opinions about the Bible a test of faith. The fundamental test must be, not "What think ye about the Scriptures?" but "What think ye of Christ?", not "I believe that the Bible is the word of God," but "I believe that Jesus is the Christ of God." What does the time-honored motto, "No creed but Christ," mean if it does not mean that?

An Encouragement

Among the encouragements which come from this backward look is the return to Biblical theology, and the renewed emphasis upon the Church's mission. I believe implicitly that the Christ who can save the world is the Jesus of the New Testament. The person of Jesus, the Bible and the Church's mission all belong together. The widespread and profound desire of Christian leaders to understand more fully the Church's God-given mission is cause for thanksgiving. A day or so ago I picked up a religious journal and found this caption, "The Bible is the Basis of Mission." "I do not believe," says the writer, "that there is the slightest hope of churchmen becoming literate in missionary things until they become versed in things biblical." Speaking of Paul he says, "The reason that St. Paul's theology has that exhilarating ring about it is that he was wrestling with his message for a missionary situation." This is typical of present day Christian concern, and as I see it, it is a movement of the Spirit of God.

Satisfaction and Concern

Perhaps the general advance in educational standards to some extent explains the larger proportion of our

members who belong to the professions, or occupy responsible executive positions in business. We are more middle-class than forty years ago. If I am correct in this generalisation, I suppose there is cause for satisfaction. But there is an awkward question. Are we quite as close to the working man? (I dislike intensely the use of these labels which appear to separate our brethren, but they are used purely for convenience.) The common people heard our Lord gladly. Of his own ministry he said, "To the poor the gospel is preached." Paul was especially to "remember the poor." Of course, the gospel is for all, but the New Testament does seem to underline a concern for the common people.

Subsequent to writing the above, this pointed question appeared in a recent book review in this paper. The reference was to flourishing new churches in outer suburbs receiving brotherhood encouragement and support, and the apparent neglect of inner areas. The question was, "How can socio-economic middle class mediate an inclusive gospel to the areas they have left behind?" Is the New Testament concern expressed especially for the common people because there is a special temptation for the Church to drift away from that responsibility? If so, are we so drifting?

On With the Job!

After the late Fred. N. Lee passed away, the suggestion was made that there be a memorial service. His family said in reply that, knowing their loved one, they thought the best memorial to him would be to get on with the job. Does not that sum up our Lord's last words? There was that imperative "Go!" and "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

I have known no other allegiance than Christ and the brotherhood of Churches of Christ. My parents before me were devoted to these ideals. There is a sense in which I inherited them, but I have served from conviction. If I could say a word at the end of forty years' ministry it would be, "Let us get on with the job." That may not be classical language, but it is classical common sense. There are dangers around and within. Our fundamental purposes are blurred. If loyalty to Christ is expressed in whole-hearted and united service under his leadership, what is betokened by tensions and dissensions over lesser things?

Are we being side-tracked by issues that do not belong to the centre of the faith? Do we imitate those whose personal ambitions led them to quarrel while he was facing the cross? If our first allegiance is to the person of Jesus Christ, if our loyalty is as deep as we profess, it should be strong enough to bind us together in his service and keep us together doing his work. He has called us to this. We can do nothing less.

TEMPO RISING IN HOBART

In Hobart the tempo is quickening; only three months left, and so much yet to be done. But the men and women who, two years ago, said, "Hobart can do it!", still have no doubts about the final outcome. If hard work and cheerful dedication to the task mean anything, then the Tasmanian Committee and Federal Executive, working together, can look forward with confidence to a great Twenty-Ninth Federal Conference of Australian Churches of Christ in Hobart, October 9-16, this year.

The task has not been easy. Churches of Christ have only a small Tasmanian membership (886) and only one church in Hobart itself. Swift modern travel and communications have not entirely removed the sense of isolation from mainland activities. Members of small congregations rarely have the opportunity of experiencing at first-hand the larger fellowship to which they belong. That is why the presence of hundreds of mainland visitors will not only help to ensure a successful Federal Conference; it will mean a spiritual tonic to the Tasmanian brotherhood itself. If that should happen, then the Tasmanian organisers of Federal Conference will feel amply repaid for all their efforts. Already 560 have registered for the Conference, and the Committee, which named June 30 as closing day for registrations, is most anxious to hear, *at the earliest convenience*, from others who are planning to attend. The Committee would like to see registrations touch the thousand mark. What a dream that is, for a city which has only one congregation of Churches of Christ — with members of that one church hoping to provide the maximum of private home hospitality, as well as furnishing most of the manpower (and the womanpower!) of the organising Committee, arranging other forms of accommodation and many facets of Conference plans. All this would be a heavy enough task with the help of a full-time minister, but the Hobart church has been without the services of such a man since July last year, and local brethren have had the added burden of preaching and pastoral work since then. Despite all this, and with the support of other churches in the State, the Committee has worked untiringly towards the goal it set itself — to do all possible "to ensure that the 1962 Conference will be a blessed time of happy fellowship, inspiration and accomplishment of God's purposes for us."

What have they and the Federal Executive achieved already? The programme was one of the major concerns, and with the choice of a stimulating Conference Theme: *His Church For Our Time*, there came the task of securing able speakers whose messages would challenge the brotherhood. This has been done. Eric T. Hart

(N.S.W.) will speak on the Conference Theme at the Inaugural Rally on Tues. night, Oct. 9. On the Wed. night, A. E. White, B.A. (Vic.) will speak on *His Church and Our Homes*, and on the following night E. W. Heard (recently home from India) will look at *His Church on World Frontiers*. H. F. Gross, B.A. (Associate Director, Federal Board of Christian Education) will speak to the Friday night rally on *His Church and Our Distinctive Witness*, and on Saturday night, D. H. Smith (Vic.-Tas. H.M. Associate Sec.) will show how *His Church Looks Forward*. At combined services on the Sunday, speakers will be F. B. Burt (S.A.) and L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D. (S.A.), with G. R. Stirling, B.A. (Canberra) giving the address at the final public rally on Mon., Oct. 15, on *His Church and His Call*. In addition, there will be the Women's Conference Day, C.M.S. sessions (K. D. Horne, speaker) and ministers' meeting (H. J. Patterson, M.A., speaker). Business sessions will take place on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Conference period.

With so many tourist attractions in and around Hobart, time has been allotted for full-day and half-day tours. These are sure to be popular opportunities for informal fellowship. As the proud Tasmanians say, "October is Spring time and Apple Blossom time, and our State should look at its loveliest." The large selection of trips available includes tours to the Huon Apple Valley, Mt. Wellington, Port Arthur Convict settlement, Eaglehawk Neck, Hastings Caves, Russell Falls, plus a cruise on the Derwent River and a tour of Hydro Electric Commission undertakings.

Those who are wondering just where the Conference meetings will be held will be interested to know that the City Hall, Hobart, has been secured as the venue for Conference business sessions, the evening rallies, the combined services on the Sunday. The value of such a Conference centre will be appreciated by all delegates.

The whole Australian brotherhood may well be proud of all who have worked so hard to prepare so well. But these meetings will not mean all they should to the on-going of our Federal work unless a truly representative gathering from all the States meets at Hobart next October. So, if you are one who hasn't already registered, *do so now!* You will count it as one of the great experiences of your life if you go to this Federal Conference. Matters will be discussed which will be of vital importance to the whole of our work. What is more, this is one of the precious opportunities given to us to break free of the limits of our State preoccupations, and really see what it is that God is challenging us to do as a growing brotherhood in a country, and a world, of expanding opportunities.

G. J. POWELL tells of . . .

Victories at Austral Tent Mission

With a squeal of protest the rubber tyres bit into the great concrete runway, and the giant plane rolled to a stop. Down the steps came the passengers, and there walking towards the gates were the two men to lead the Austral tent mission. The time had come . . .

In February this year the Officers' Board had before them the proposal for a tent mission at Austral, N.S.W. The suggestion was considered. The cost of such a venture became the final barrier, and in view of recent expenditure by the church it was thought to be impossible, so the Board decided to go ahead. The name of J. K. Bond was mentioned, and it was agreed that he should be asked to conduct the mission.

The first thrill of this proposed move was quickly dampened when word came that Mr. Bond had a full itinerary for the year. But those committed to Christ at Austral felt certain that a mission was needed. Despite a considerable harvest being reaped in gospel services for the Lord during the year gone, the need for a spiritual awakening was evident. The Y.P.C.E. group was composed of two-thirds non-Christians, and we felt sure that a mission would bring dozens of young people to Christ.

We started straight away in praying for God's leading in the mission. The officers met at 5.30 a.m. every Saturday for prayer. On Thursday, the C.E. executive rose at 5.30 a.m. for prayer for a mission. The women of the church prayed weekly, and two half-nights of prayer were set aside so that the Lord might lead if we were to have a mission.

The answer came just two weeks before the mission. In spite of former commitments, the telegram came through: "Could begin May 14. Scarborough given release."

To organise everything for a four-week mission in a fortnight at first appeared to be like trying to build Rome in a day, but the Herculean task was begun. The church hall had to be fitted as living quarters for Mr. Bond, song-leader Ben Mason, and Mr. and Mrs. Leane, so that they would be at hand for the task. Men of the church worked right through one night putting the ceiling in their bedrooms. Stoves, shower, sink, cupboards, all were fitted. Consultation with the printers led to immediate action for the advertising, and the Gowans' printing press ran hot with posters, pamphlets and brochures that heralded the Austral Crusade.

The best site in the district was obtained for the mission tent, and a gang of workers cleaned the scrub. The 50 ft. by 50 ft. "Big Top" went up, the shavings were spread; lighting, seating, platform, music, all were attended to, and the mission was ready for Austral . . .

And now at Mascot the minister warmly shook the hands of Mr. Bond and Mr. Mason. The time had come.

Have you ever known real, cutting, heart-breaking disappointment? We did, as torrential rain almost ruined the all-important opening meeting. The Saturday night had been spent in prayer by some, and now this rain had brought one of the worst starts ever to a J. K. Bond mission. Praise God, "Big Ben" (as Ben Mason was now affectionately known) kept smiling; the creeks went down and the Word went forth. Seven decisions for Christ came in the first week; a minimum of 70 was our aim for the four weeks.

Chain prayer by the members right through the day supplemented our three early prayer meetings during the week. The brotherhood, who had had this mission sprung upon them, rallied encouragingly, and many visits from far-away centres lifted us till we were "on top of the world." This was great — really spending ourselves for Christ.

During the second week we saw the attendances rise, but, somehow, a hardness seemed to be upon the meetings, which even the warm, intimate preaching of Mr. Bond found it hard to break. It became obvious that the Spirit was first dealing with our lives, so that the blessings might come.

Into the third week, and as the Spirit spoke to our hearts several of our membership rose to let go and let God control their lives. Through the powerful preaching, God spoke to many of our hearts; former habits were renounced, the church was bound together much closer with those cords of love which cannot be broken, and the channel was open for God to speak to Austral.

Sunday, June 3, we shall never forget. With the last week of the mission beginning, our faith was certainly being tried. Only a little over 20 had come to Christ in the first three weeks. On this day special prayer was made. The church was invited by Mr. Bond to fast the evening meal and spend the time in prayer. God had shown us that we couldn't save souls. Now we stood back as in love He called them.

The thrilling atmosphere was set as the people entered the tent. Under Ben's leadership the people sang as never before; we were intoxicated with the joy of the Lord. As Mr. Bond spoke on *The Unpardonable Sin*, God broke through, and 23 stepped forward for Christ. There were tears in many eyes as the people came.

Every night during the last week God called, and men and women responded — blessing upon blessing, flowing from God's storehouse of grace. Young People's Night, Thursday, and fourteen moved as one to receive Christ. The final night of the preaching campaign saw another thirteen come to Christ. Whole families stood with tears in their eyes to register the greatest decision of their lives.

The mission was over. There had been 86 commitments to Christ, 55 primary. Complete families, many gospel-hardened souls, young fellows off the streets; what a thrill to reflect on what God had done! Several enquiries for full-time service were made as young people talked it over with the leaders. The never-to-be forgotten testimonies of Thanksgiving Night, the £770 offering; truly when God moves, men marvel.

And now the minister stood where he'd stood four weeks earlier. As he watched the lone figure, wearing the same gabardine overcoat, carrying the same bags, crossing the tarmac to board the plane, his mind went back . . . back four weeks, to when the same man with his song-leader had been walking towards the gates. Four weeks — and it was over. Four weeks, and the powerful preaching of this man had been used to bring so many to Christ. Only a short time, yet the people of Austral had many cherished memories of the two men. The warm-hearted buoyancy, the gum-leaf playing of Ben Mason, the humble-mannered yet powerful preaching of Mr. Bond.

Four weeks, and they were going. Only a short time, but God had been gracious. In those four weeks, the church had been given new life, the members drawn closer together and closer to God, and they had seen the Unseen Hand at work. Worth it? Amen.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15: 58).

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

W.C.W.F. PRAYER - JUNE

For the women of Great Britain and Canada and for all Christian Women's Fellowships, that the stronger may be an example to the weaker; and that because of the bonds of fellowship we may all be drawn nearer to our Master and Saviour.

INTERSTATE NEWS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Devotions for June were in the hands of the Overseas Committee, led by Mrs. Blakemore, with Mesd. Fitch, Blundell, Bridge and Lillierap sharing in the presentation.

Mrs. Ewers welcomed all sisters present, there being a number of visitors. Mrs. Russell was specially welcomed home again after her trip to the East, and she brought greetings from several people.

The prayer text was shared from Ps. 103: 11. Several sisters had suffered loss of loved ones during the month, and Mrs. Smillie prayed for those bereaved.

The roll call was answered by 98 sisters, apologies being 10. Financial statement as read by Mrs. Beck showed a balance in hand of £684/11/10. Prayer of thanks after offering was given by Mrs. Ewers.

Reports — Aborigine: Mrs. Pallot reported having met with representatives of her Committee to discuss matters of interest. A handicraft class has now been commenced at Carnarvon Mission, and the native reserve meetings held at Carnarvon are proving a witness.

Social Service — Mrs. Holloway is in urgent need of clothing for children of all ages.

At this stage of our meeting we were pleased to welcome the W.A. Conf. Pres., J. W. Gordon, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the brotherhood. Mrs. Ewers thanked him for having come along and given us much to think about.

Hospital: Prayer support for this work asked for and more helpers wanted to help with R.P.H. visiting; magazines and small devotional books needed.

Overseas: Mrs. Gordon asked that we continue in prayer for the work of this Committee and all missionaries, especially Miss Helen Maiden.

Home Missions: Mrs. Manning asked for special prayer for this Commit-

tee, as it seeks to supply needs as they come to hand.

Woorloo: Mrs. Lamont reported on the progress of this work.

We now have our own amplification system, thanks to W. Calladine, and it will be of great benefit as it is used in our meetings.

There being no further business, Mrs. Manning closed with the prayer for Missions and missionaries, and closing prayer.—P. Reid, Sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mrs. Bell was in the chair at June monthly meeting, and opened with a prayer thought from the prayer group. The theme of the meeting was **Service to the Community**. Mrs. Rofe (Chatswood) led the devotions, with Mrs. Fax (Chatswood) soloist.

At the roll call, 109 sisters responded, representing 29 churches; there was one sister from Wollongong and one from New Zealand. Mrs. Amos brought a greeting from Victoria.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as a correct record. Mrs. Bell invited all ladies to attend the Inter-Church Council meeting at Chatswood on June 29, when Mrs. D. Verco would be welcomed as the President for the year.

Mrs. Wylie appealed for hospitality for the delegates to the World Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in Sydney, Aug. 16 to 23.

Mrs. Badger spoke on hospital visiting, and advised that it was proposed to visit Strickland Hospital, as well as Newington.

Mrs. Howes spoke on behalf of the Temperance Committee, and brought before the meeting the need to sign petitions against the abolition of the tea break in the hotels, urging every one to register their disapproval.

The special speaker for the day was Mrs. Laffin, who brought a very interesting and informative talk on the work done by voluntary workers for **Meals on Wheels**. There are over 1,000 workers who serve over 250 meals daily to folk unable to look after themselves.

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

N.S.W. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The Fulness of God was the theme of the 68th Annual Conference at Enmore.

Mrs. Baker was in the chair and extended a welcome to all, especially to interstate and country visitors. Mrs. Flint responded on behalf of country churches H. W. B. Palmer (Conf. Pres.) brought a greeting from General Conference.

Mrs. Bell (incoming President) led the devotions, with Mrs. Thompson, soloist. Greetings were received from Qld., Vic.-Tas., and W.A. Conferences, also from Mrs. Fisher (Carnarvon), Mrs. Stanhope (New Guinea), from Federal Conference and from Mrs. Budgen.

At the roll call, over 400 sisters responded, representing 40 City churches and 14 country churches. There were 45 country visitors and 5 interstate visitors.

Mrs. Fishburn presented the Obituary Report on behalf of Mrs. Budgen, and, after prayer, Mrs. N. Morris favored with a solo.

Miss Rofe (Treas.) presented the Financial Statement, and brought the recommendations from the Finance Committee for the 1962 Budget.

Nominations — Mrs. Elsmore (Sec.), moved that all names on the sheet be elected, Mrs. Fishburn seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Officers for the incoming year are as follows:— **President,** Mrs. H. Bell; **President-Elect,** Mrs. J. Dickson; **Vice-Presidents:** City, Mrs. O. Bloore; Wollongong, Mrs. J. Anderson; **Sec.,** Mrs. F. Elsmore; **Asst. Sec.,** Mrs. I. Torode; **Treas.,** Miss H. Rofe; **Pianist,** Mrs. P. Verco. **Supts.: Obituary,** Mrs. Budgen; **Overseas Missions,** Mrs. C. Saxby; **Aborigine Missions,** Mrs. E. Park; **Hospital,** Mrs. Badger; **Isolated Sisters,** Mrs. C. McKellar; **Catering,** Mrs. W. Milne; **Prayer,** Mrs. A. Elliott. **Representatives:** Dept. Christian Education, Mrs. P. Ellis; **Good Neighbor Council,** Mrs. O. Bloore and Mrs. L. Bills; **W.C.T.U.,** Mrs. E. Wrigley; **Women's Inter-Church Council,** Mesd. D. Verco, H. Bell, R. Greenhalgh, L. Yelds, E. Fishburn, G. Knight, W. H. Palmer, H. Neilson.

Reports. It was moved and seconded that the reports be taken as read. In order to vary the programme, some of the Committees were spotlighted by the asking and answering of various questions concerning the work of these committees. Mrs. J. Dickson asked questions of the Conference Executive, Hospital Committee, Temperance and W.C.W.F. Mrs. J. Anderson asked questions of the Home Mission Committee, Ashwood House, Inter-Church Council, and Social Service. Representatives of these committees answered the questions, which proved a very interesting and informative contribution to the meeting.

All sisters over the age of 75 were presented with a small gift; there were two over 87, six over 80, and about 20 over 75.

Mrs. McKenzie led in prayer, and the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with a call to worship, led by Miss Maiden (Taree). Mrs. Baker welcomed all to the meeting, especially Sonny Graham, and about 20 children from the Balladoran Mission. The ladies' choir rendered two items during the afternoon. The children from Balladoran sang a number of choruses, which were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Park presented the Aborigine report, and intimated that the £50 received from the sale of hats which were given to the committee would be used to line the chapel at Balladoran.

Mrs. Saxby presented the Overseas report, and introduced Miss H. Middlemiss, and Miss R. Rofe, both outgoing missionaries; there was also a greeting from Miss B. Anderson (New Guinea), by means of a recorded tape. Samuel and Japheth (New Hebrides) brought a greeting and sang a duet. Mrs. Saxby announced that there were 5 missionaries to go to New Guinea, 4 to India, and 5 to New Hebrides, which would bring a total of 39 missionaries on the field by July.

Mrs. Baker introduced the incoming President, Mrs. Bell, who suitably responded. Mrs. Bell moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker for the work she had done during her year of office, and presented her with a copy of the Bible. Mrs. Baker thanked all those who had helped to make her year a happy one. The incoming officers were called upon to stand,

while Mrs. Stephenson led in the dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. D. Verco moved a vote of thanks to all sisters who had helped in the success of the day, Mrs. Verco (pianist), choir, soloists, Mrs. Larcombe and Mrs. Cosh for floral arrangements, and Mrs. Milne for the catering.

The meeting closed with hymn and benediction—J. Torode, Asst. Sec.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mrs. Jones presided over the June monthly meeting, held at Willard Hall, Wakefield-st., on June 7. There were 164 delegates present and a total attendance of 200. Devotions were conducted by the Unley C.W.F.

Mrs. Pratt, a visitor from the church at Ann-st., Brisbane, was welcomed to the meeting, also Mrs. Williams, wife of the new minister at Fullarton.

The Obituary Report was presented by Mrs. Pillar, and the prayer was voiced by Mrs. Lewis.

Owing to ill health, Mrs. Fitzgerald has resigned from the position of Asst. Sec.; this was accepted with regret; we trust she will accept our sincere thanks for the services she has so willingly rendered.

Aborigines Department will have their rally in August, and will display the clothing to be sent to the Missions.

Home Missions Dept. is happy to announce that the church at Keith is proceeding with its building, also

the church at Whyalla plans to erect a new chapel.

Promise for the Month: Isaiah 58: 11 — "The Lord shall guide thee continually." —L. Watson, Asst. Sec.

QUEENSLAND.

At meeting held June 3, in Ann-st. hall, Mrs. Finger welcomed J. McCormick (Qld. Conf. Pres.) who brought devotions on John 15, "I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman."

Woman to Woman Evangelism. A time of inspiration and blessing was had at the special all day Prayer and Meditation Day held in Ann-st., May 24.

It was reported that Haydn Sargent had consented to be speaker at the Woman to Woman rally on Nov. 6.

It was also stated that keen interest had been shown by the Country Fellowships regarding **Woman to Woman**. L. G. Read (Ann-st.) had addressed the women on visitation.

Plans were in hand to hold the July prayer meeting at Southport, when the Brisbane sisters would travel by bus to Southport. Prayer meeting for June 28 to be held at Wynnum.

Prayer Project W.C.W.F. Book. — Interesting information had been prepared on Thailand, and Great Britain, particularly giving us the C.W.F. Activities and Convention news as held in Great Britain.—Ruby Haigh, Sec.



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

A New Testament Witness in Bombay

E. W. Heard.

It was a thrill for your missionaries in India to hear that the Federal Conference held at Perth in 1960 had enthusiastically approved the proposal to establish a Church of Christ in Bombay. The need for this venture had long been felt. As Superintendent of the Churches of Christ Boys' Home, Baramati, I have often farewelled young men going to live in Bombay. They had grown up in our Boys' Home, which is comparatively sheltered, but were now going out to earn their living in the big and wicked city, Bombay.

We had encouraged them to link up with denominations in their neigh-

borhood. But often they were neglected, and did not receive the spiritual guidance and help which they needed. We tried to keep in touch with them through letters, but at a distance of 200 miles it was unsatisfactory. In the crowded city these young men often have great difficulty in finding a corner of a room where they can live. Suddenly they have money in their pockets and are subject to the strong temptations of the world in its use — they need a pastor. The pastor needs a house to live in — at present Mr. Bhosle is living 37 miles out of the city! The young men need a hostel to live in. A chapel, a manse and a working boys' hostel. These are the urgent needs, in one self-contained building.

But it is now almost two years since we began to search for a piece of land in the city of Bombay. It is

a matter of serious concern that the brotherhood cannot yet be told that a plot has been purchased. Bombay, built on a group of islands, has increased its population from 1½ million to nearly 4½ millions in 13 years! The establishment of large industries has put great pressure on property, and large housing societies have bought up most of the available land.

Again, during March and April of this year, Mr. Coventry has spent much time trying to buy land in Bombay. Nothing available with a clear title has yet been found. This needs to be made a matter of prayer throughout the brotherhood that God will show us the piece of land for the establishment of the work. Such a plot should have qualities. One, that it should be near a railway station, and bus routes. Bombay is either hot or wet, and for those members who will come some distance by train it is better for them to have the church building near the station so that they do not become either drenched or over-heated during their journey to the meeting.

Two, that the land should be in the area near Ghatkopar, where a number of our members are working and living. They provide a strong nucleus

for the church. Three, that the land should be in an area where there is no other Protestant church. Large areas of Bombay have no Protestant witness at all, and other Christians in the area would come in and support our worship and witness. Four, that the land should be reasonably priced and have a clear title deed. Securing a title deed is a necessary, but frustrating, task. It occasions the great delays, but it must be done.

Pray the Lord that he will show us the piece of land for the establishment of the Church of Christ in Bombay.

THE BOMBAY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established, March 4, 1961.

Membership — 39.

Baptisms in first year — 5.

Pastor — Barnabbas Bhosle, G.Th., Graduate of Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal, India. Brother-in-law of Hariba Waghmode, B.A., B.D.

Location — The church meets each Sunday for worship and the breaking of bread in the home of Manshur Jadhav, at Kirol, 7 miles from Bombay City.

Needs—

1. A building consisting of—
 - (a) A chapel for meetings.
 - (b) A manse for the minister.
 - (c) A hostel for unmarried working boys.
 - (d) To which could later be added rooms:
 - i. for a Christian library.
 - ii. for missionaries, passing through.
 - iii. for (eventually) a resident missionary.
 2. A block of land which is —
 - (a) Near a railway station and bus for convenience of scattered members.
 - (b) Near to Ghatkopur, where a group of our members live.
 - (c) In a suburb where there is no Protestant church.
 3. Interest of the brotherhood in this God-inspired project.
- Prayer that a suitable site or building may be found.
- Money — a sum exceeding £7,000 has been given. It may need twice this amount for the first stages.

Let the witness of New Testament Christianity be made in Bombay — Queen City of Asia.

Mrs. John Sallis (formerly Margaret Turner), daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Trevor Turner, left for America on June 25. Her husband will be taking up a post-graduate appointment in Bio-chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. For several years Mrs. Sallis has been organist and a B.S. teacher at the Park-st., Unley church.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of June 27, 1912.
Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Progress of Scoville Mission. — There is no doubt that this mission has given Churches of Christ in Melbourne the best advertisement they have had in the whole course of their history. The building itself is right in the line of immense traffic, and at night time is made conspicuous by its electric lighting. In addition to this, printer's ink has been freely used, and while T. B. Fischer has not quite carried out his threat to "flood Melbourne knee-deep with literature," he has done fairly well in that direction. The confessions recorded on Sunday were large, and brought the total to 800. These figures represent the direct result of the mission, but the indirect results are seen and felt in all our churches in Melbourne and suburbs. No collections have been taken up at any of the meetings.

Forward Plans, Maryborough, Qld. — Bro. Smith, our treasurer, has been offered a block of land in a front street in the centre of the city, as a site for a chapel. At a special meeting of the officers on June 14, it was decided to instruct Bro. Smith to arrange for the purchase on the easy terms offered, so that we are looking forward to the time when we shall be able to do more effective work in our own building. —W. Stiler.

Fourth Anniversary, Mile End, S.A. — The fourth anniversary of the church and Lord's day school was celebrated on June 9, with Bro. Hadfield (on way to South Africa) and P. A. Dickson as the speakers. On Tuesday the inevitable tea was partaken of. Lack of faith on the part of officers in preparing was responsible for the provisions running somewhat short. This will not occur again. The church membership now stands at 167 on paper, but this will bear a little revising. The electric light has been installed, and was used in the chapel on the 16th.

Vic. Home Mission Notes. — We expect Thomas Hagger to begin his duties as State Evangelist and Organising Secretary at the end of July. . . . H. Swain has returned to Warrnambool, after a couple of weeks in town under an eye specialist. . . . W. Gale has visited Newstead, and intends to hold monthly meetings there. . . . G. B. Moysey succeeds W. Uren in the Mallee Circuit the first week in August.

Beginnings at Tyalgum, N.S.W. — The preacher (W. Strongman) felled the timber on the chapel site, and put in the blocks for the "residence." The timber for the chapel has been ordered, and the men are expected to start on the chapel in six weeks.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Is it necessary for ministers to go to every Conference? In a Federal Conference year our preacher is away for two Sundays for Conferences and two Sundays for holidays. This makes a whole month he is absent from the important tasks of preaching and visiting.

It is good to know that your minister is so much appreciated that you can't spare him for even a few weeks each year. Or do I misunderstand you? Is it possible that you begrudge the little absences, and do not notice the great gains that can come to a church which sends its minister to Conference?

I believe it to be essential for ministers, including rural ministers like your own, to attend State Conference. It is also important and helpful to attend Federal Conference, although occasional absence may be unavoidable.

Our unity is expressed through our Conferences, and our corporate activities are spearheaded by Conference Committees. The minister, as No. 1 servant, is best able to express this unity, and to receive and pass on inspiration for support of our joint enterprises. How can the minister effectively do these things if he does not share in our Conferences?

The minister may give as well as gain from Conferences. He can express the convictions and aspirations of the local church, and help to shape the ongoing Christian programme.

I do not minimise the contribution which is made by other men and women of the churches. It is a Conference of churches and not a Conference of ministers, and there should be delegates to represent the whole of the church. I am not seeking to exclude any. I am simply making a plea that ministers be included.

Encourage your minister to attend all Conferences where your church has a responsibility. It will do good for both your church and your minister. He will be the better for the fellowship and inspiration, and it will show up in his preaching and pastoral concern. I have no embarrassment in urging this upon you. My church has for many years not only permitted me to attend — it has also paid my fare, even to distant Federal Conferences! Go thou and do likewise.

Next Week: Parent Dedication Services.

(Send Questions to the Editor).

HERE AND THERE

The church at Albion, Qld., is delighted to welcome home Professor and Mrs. A. F. Wilson and family after an extended world tour of six months. Professor Wilson, Head of the Dept. of Geology at the Queensland University, was on official University work.

The Aborigines Dept. of Vic.-Tas. Conference advises that the poster issued by them announcing a meeting in Lygon-st. chapel for Friday evening, July 15, should read Friday evening, July 13. The Dept. regrets the error, and requests church secretaries to alter the date on the poster mailed to them.

Subiaco church, W.A., has completed its new hall at a cost of £11,000. At a special service to mark the opening, the minister, G. Smith, dedicated the building to the glory of God. The service was conducted by Mr. Black, assisted by J. Gordon (W.A. Conf. Pres.) and T. Hutchinson, who opened the hall. Honorary architect, P. Hunt, and builder, J. Edwards, are both former B.S. boys. The building will be named Fellowship Hall.

P. R. Whitmore has announced to the church at Edwardstown, S.A., that he will conclude his ministry there in Jan., 1963. M. D. Hamilton, present minister at Belmont, Vic., will succeed Mr. Whitmore at Edwardstown.

J. A. Luff, now at Gawler, S.A., will commence a ministry with the church at Mile End early in the new year.

B. Crowden has advised the church at Stirling East - Aldgate Valley (S.A.) that he will conclude his present ministry of 4 years at the end of January, 1963.

Harold Thomson (brother of W. J. Thomson, minister at Croydon, Vic.) is at present on a visit to his homeland with his wife, having lived in England for many years. He has been featured in Sydney papers and on television because of a reunion with a soldier with whom he spent a night in a dug-out at Bernafait Terminus on the Somme in July, 1916. The soldier gave Mr. Thomson a photo of himself, with his name and home address in Sydney, with the agreement that they should renew acquaintance after the war. However, Mr. Thomson returned to England after demobilisation, and this present visit provided his first chance for the reunion. A Sydney newspaper reporter

located the other soldier, now Mr. Montgomery, postmaster at Bringelly, N.S.W., and the reunion finally took place, 46 years after the Somme meeting. One striking feature of the reunion was that, only a week before the meeting took place, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery were two of those who made their decision for Christ in the Bond mission at Austral!

G. Gibson (Nambour) was guest speaker at the fifty-first anniversary services of the church at Albion, Qld., giving inspiring messages on the theme, *This Is The Victory*. Highlight of the anniversary was a P.S.A., at which Pastor and Mrs. F. J. Hoepfer (Albion Baptist) brought a much appreciated contribution of sacred music, both instrumentally and vocally.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Stephenson and their daughters, Margaret and Jean, were farewelled at the Christian Centre, Perth, W.A., when speakers paid tribute to Mr. Stephenson's great contribution to the work of our W.A. churches, and especially to his home church of Subiaco. Presentations were made from various departments. Mr. Stephenson has been transferred to N.S.W.

H. W. Street has commenced his 5th year of ministry with the church at Ivanhoe, Vic.

For some time past, the churches at Burnley and North Richmond, Vic., have combined their Board meetings, midweek prayer meetings and, alternately, gospel services monthly. In facing future plans, the church at Burnley (which has been dependent on a student ministry during most of its history) held a special general meeting on June 15, and, after discussing several alternatives proposed by the officers, endorsed the officers' own recommendation: "That we amalgamate with the church at North Richmond." Final meetings at Burnley will be held on July 29, and the first meeting of the combined church on Aug. 5.

At the conclusion of his ministry with the church in Port Lincoln, S.A., in Jan., 1963, N. Hodgekiss will commence a ministry at Sunshine, Vic.

M. D. Williams, formerly at Naracoorte, S.A., was inducted into the ministry of the church at Fullarton, S.A., on June 3 by I. J. Chivell, Conference Secretary.

T. A. Fergusson, minister at Shepparton, Vic., will commence a ministry with the church at North Williamstown, Vic., early 1963.

Faculty Appointment

FEDERAL COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

Following concurrence of State Committees for the College and the Federal Conference Executive, the Board of Management of the College is pleased to announce that K. R. Bowes, M.A., has been appointed to succeed R. T. Pittman as lecturer. Some time ago Mr. Pittman expressed a desire to retire, but agreed to continue until suitable arrangements could be made. It is anticipated that Mr. Bowes will begin his work about mid-1963.

Mr. Bowes is a South Australian, and was brought up by devoted Christian parents in the church at Unley. Undertaking studies at the Adelaide University, he secured first class honours in all subjects for his M.A. degree. From this University he received a Scholarship which took him to the National University at Canberra to enable him to do three years' study for the Doctorate of Philosophy. He is now revising his thesis for the Ph.D. degree, and this will be completed shortly.

He entered the College in 1959, and has served the churches at South Melbourne and Mitcham, Vic. He is married and has three young children.

Recently he has been granted a full Scholarship for twelve months at Yale University, U.S.A., and he plans to take it up in September, specialising in New Testament studies. — K. A. Jones.

A.B.C. Seeks Staff

The A.B.C. is seeking three talks officers, with special responsibilities for religious programmes. The officers will be based in Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

Announcing this, Dr. J. Munro, the A.B.C.'s Federal Director of General Programmes, said: "We are seeking people with ideas. We hope to attract men who have creative ability as well as theological awareness. Some knowledge of sacred music is required." The successful applicants will combine general talks work with the preparation of religious programmes in both radio and television.

They will be required to interview speakers and to discuss the best method of presenting scripts.

In radio they will be responsible for the production of studio sessions and will prepare programmes for presentation by television producers.

The vacancies will be advertised in the daily press of all capital cities in the near future. — A.B.C., Box 487, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Marjorie and Peter Veitch, Judith Roberts, Heather Pascoe, Julie Owen, Mrs. R. G. Sloan, R. Charles, R. Jessup, R. Easton, B. Richardson, R. Beaumont, S. Charles, Misses L. Soulsby, J. Hossack, B. Quigley and B. Townsend, Glenelg, S.A.

Robin Shanks, Ken Bernhardt, Enfield Heights, S.A.

Mrs. Wilson, South Melbourne, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Branton, Mrs. J. Winston, Ruth Handasyde, Glen Waverley, Vic.

Raelene Plover, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.

Robert Whitt, Neil Chandler, Wangaratta, Vic.

A. Conigrave, Morawa, W.A.

Mrs. Bigot, Ivanhoe, Vic.

Rhonda Roberts, Subiaco, W.A.

Halford Cutting, Blackburn, Vic.

Neil Clutterbuck, Robert Hall, Robert Findley, Faye and Roma Roach, Ringwood, Vic.

Diana Shea, Moreland, Vic.

Mary Nicholls, Kay Alderson, Maryborough, Vic.

Miss B. Bradley, Essendon, Vic.

Beth Edney, Sandra Haig, Dianne and Julie Barrot, Cherrill Radburn, Janet Schwennesson, Susanne Fraser, Noble Park, Vic.

Robert Pottier, Parkdale, Vic.

Olive Bird, Pam Fletcher, Pam Waugh, Albion, Qld.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. H. Veitch, from Mt. Hill; Miss R. Batt, from Wallaroo; Mrs. R. Warnock, from Baptist; Mr. and Mrs. G. Anson, from Forestville; Mrs. R. Carter, from Norwood; Mrs. D. J. Voss, from Queenstown, to Glenelg, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. R. De Boo, from Naracoorte; Mr. and Mrs. Sires and daughter, from Balaklava, to Enfield Heights, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Williams, from Naracoorte; Mrs. Thomas, from Glenelg, to Fullarton, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mienal, to Clovelly Park, S.A.

Miss L. Piper, Chatswood, N.S.W. to Glen Waverley, Vic.

Mr. Mansell, Wiley Park to Bankstown, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stevens, Ivanhoe to Blackburn, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Bavington, from Bentleigh; Miss E. Johns, from Mt. Evelyn to Ringwood, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Ringwood to Chelsea, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, to Ivanhoe, Vic.

Lyn Nichols, Ivanhoe to Burwood East, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackley, Dandenong to Collingwood, Vic.

Mrs. H. G. Lythall, Albion, Qld.

Marriage

Carol Healey to Jim Whinray, Wangaratta, Vic.

Lorraine Evans, Morawa, W.A. to David Broad, Pyramid Hill, Vic.

Beverley Reed to Ian Beazley, Marian Trembath to Barry Morris, Ivanhoe, Vic.

Wendy Harvey to R. Lewis, Invermay, Tas.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. R. S. Titter, North Williamstown, Vic.

Mrs. Fisher, Hurstville, N.S.W.

Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Kleeman, Mr. Burt, Clovelly Park, S.A.

Mrs. S. Schrader, Mrs. Robinson, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.

Mrs. Dickson, Wangaratta, Vic.

Mrs. Barkla, Ivanhoe, Vic.

Maggie E. Dines, Surrey Hills, Vic.

C. M. Wilton, Edwardstown, S.A.

Gladys A. Baker, Parkdale, Vic.

QUEENSLAND

East Ipswich - Leichhardt (R. Acland). — Good attendances both centres. Av. communicants, 125. Capacity attendances Leichhardt B.S. anniversary; kinders. supplied afternoon programme. R. Holt (Rosewood) guest speaker both meetings. Wednesday night, chapel again filled, when upper school gave delightful programme. films screened and scholars received prizes. At East Ipswich, married man and his daughter made good confession and were baptised. C.W.F. had special meeting, with Mrs. McLane (Brisbane) guest speaker on Woman to Woman evangelism. Minister absent at Sunnybank anniversary, 17th; Messrs. Feldmann and D. McCormick took services. C.M.S. had special social evening when 28 men enjoyed sports night. On 17th, C.M.S. monthly meeting engaged in practice reading; A. Boettcher took tape recordings and played them back; much interest shown by over 20 men present. Building Fund increasing. Mrs. Acland in hospital for major surgery.

Townsville (R. N. Gilmore, B.A.). — Attendances for May av. 37 a.m., 42 p.m., 35 communicants. Two decisions by senior B.S. scholars. Annual business meeting elected F. Hammond elder and sec.; deacons: P. Jones (treas.), E. Brumby (organist), P. Garner (C.E. supt.), O. Irwin, R. Rowan; R. Northey, B.S. supt.; Miss M. Kerr, asst.-organist. Sec. report showed increase of 9 active members to 48. Plans approved for utility hall to be built at rear of manse. Minister outlined programme for advance for next 12 months. Recent events included B.S. picnic and C.E. participating in District C.E. rally. Minister elected vice-pres., Nth. Qld. C.E. District, also sec. local Ministers' Fraternal. Minister conducted 2nd anniversary at Ayr. with good support from visiting brethren. Weekly Bible study group well attended. Y.P. study group meets alternate Fridays. Magnetic Island Youth Camp building to be painted and open-air worship centre constructed.

Albion (M. H. A. Pieper). — R.S.A. McLean (Fed. Sec. Overseas Missions). Rosalie Rofe (missionary-elect for New Guinea), and R. Malcolm (Qld. Overseas Missions Sec.), were guests of the C.E. group when slides of mission work were shown by R. S. A. McLean, and R. Malcolm exhibited splendid missionary display. Mr. McLean later brought challenging message at gospel service. Church sorry

TASMANIA

Invermay. — Church expressed appreciation to R. Edmunds and E. Burden, who both resigned after 12 years as sec and treas. H. Byard and W. Bailey were appointed to the offices. P. R. Baker out of hospital, but not fully recovered. Speakers have been E. Taylor (Devonport), R. Edmunds, H. Byard. Special Y.P. service, May 27.

to lose Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Enchelmaier from fellowship. Mr. Enchelmaier was associated with church from its beginning in 1911. Both he and Mrs. Enchelmaier have contributed greatly to the progress over the years in many different ways. We wish them well in their new sphere of service at Kedron. Miss H. Trudgian has had to relinquish appreciated leadership of the Second and Third Degree Good Companions. Gospel services continue to attract high attendances; 133 present on evening of Commonwealth Youth Sunday, June 10, when Churches of Christ Youth Choir, under leadership of Mrs. K. Ludgater, brought splendid contribution in song. Also taking part were Helen Jolly and Glenda Owen, who recently won first and second places respectively in their sections of a J.C.E. Eisteddfod. Three confessions of faith and one reconsecration at recent services.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Cottesloe — Church is grateful to many brethren who have assisted in preaching while coming of G. Powell is awaited; special thanks to W. Paget, J. Hunting and J. Arnott. Dixie Willis (Empire Games athlete) spoke to large group at youth tea. Ladies have visited Claremont Mental Hospital and Greenplace. Carton of groceries and three of clothing handed to Mrs. Holloway, speaker at C.W.F. meeting, June 12, for Social Service work. Mr. and Mrs. Christie spared serious injury in recent car accident.

Morawa (G. Powell). — Thanks to those who assisted in services during minister's vacation. Fellowship enjoyed with K. Edwards, G. Carslake and A. Matheson (all of C.O.B.). Latter conducted both services one Sunday. Y.P. held barbecue at home of G. D. Carslake to meet the boys.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — World Outreach Week conducted by E. Heard. Grand meetings, excellent attendances. Displays, cantata, choir, The Greatest Story Ever Told, a missionary challenge. Offerings £205. £100 donated to Baramati Boys' Home for new bathroom. 30 attended youth camp. Speakers at C.W.F. have been Mrs. T. Marsden, on her overseas trip, and Mrs. J. Pallot (Aborigines). Loris and Brian Kidd in fellowship again on return from overseas.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Hurstville (D. Holmes). — Marked improvement in attendance. Church enjoying fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Holmes. Three decisions for Christ, June 10. C.W.F. conducted successful social in form of Cafe Continental evening. Church saddened by Home

call of Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. E. Milne recovering after surgery. Mrs. Hedger resigned as Guild pres. after many years' faithful service, owing to ill health.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — Boys' and Girls' club held bonfire and cracker night at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackie. C.W.F. social evening, May 30, those present representing song title. Combined men's tea, 11th; Mr. Ryrie (Presbyterian) guest speaker. During minister's holidays, services taken by members and local brethren. Prayer meetings conducted by Y.P.F. and C.W.F.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — G.L.B. enjoyed social gathering. Mrs. Morris gave devotional at C.W.F., 14th. On 10th, two ladies reconsecrated their lives. Large congregation a.m., 17th, when man welcomed by transfer and two infants presented for dedication. Mr. Dawson was speaker. In afternoon, C.E. had Mr. Bradford (Central Japanese Mission) as guest speaker. Wiley Park Y.P. visited. Mr. Bradford spoke p.m. service.

Hornsby. — Recent speakers: Messrs. Cole (Social Service), Dallinger, Elterby, Glazier and Sloman (Earlwood). Gospel service, June 17, conducted by Y.P. J. Bishop led service, messages in song given by male trio; messages presented by R. Bartholomew and I. Bentley. H. Bishop conducted after-church fellowship. Officers shared informal social evening, 18th, with officers of local Baptist church at home of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Fullarton (M. D. Williams). — Church made presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Webb on conclusion of interim ministry, May 27. Mrs. Craddock in hospital, Mr. Poulsen, snr., still unable to attend through sickness. Sec. announced church building now free of debt. Church happy to welcome new minister, M. D. Williams, Mrs. Williams and family, June 3. Lady welcomed by transfer.

Glenelg (C. E. Curtis). — 17 additions by faith and obedience, and 8 by transfer during May. Members share in inter-church Bible study group each month. Inter. and Y.P.C.E. hosts to District C.E. for tea; 100 present, and H. N. Pell (National Director C.E.) speaker. 30 Y.P. joined in inter-church camp at Victor Harbour, with Methodist and Congregational Y.P., June 1-4.

Mile End (A. E. Brown, interim). — Special youth service held, when 33 teenagers from Elizabeth church came to tea and church, swelling p.m. service to 220. C.Y.F. visited Grote-st. for enjoyable time. Mrs. Adams,

whose late husband built pipe organ and gave it to the church, has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. D. McAllister, active workers in church and B.S., have moved to Port Augusta.

Berri (H. E. Greenwood). — Splendid camp, May 25-27, at Barmera church camp site. 70 men attended from various towns. June Loyalty Month had good attendance. Delegation from church attended opening of new building at Mildura.

Edwardstown (P. R. Whitmore). — Work of church continues in good heart; excellent attendances at Sunday meetings despite wintry weather. Church saddened by sudden passing of Murray Wilton, one of our best-liked men and most conscientious worker. Church rallied to do what it can to uphold Sis. Kath Wilton and their sons.

Goolwa (R. W. Saunders). — B.S. commenced Efficiency Campaign; keen and enthusiastic, with new scholars coming along. Officers' Board and B.S. teachers, led by school supt. G. Bugar, held helpful discussion and instruction group. D. Reed attained 90th birthday, and is present at Lord's Table almost every Sunday. Building plan still foremost in active interest. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Saunders, with their family, most active in all work associated with church, giving increasing encouragement for service and soul-winning. E. Newell (Southern Conf. Pres.) speaker at two services. Youth work active under good leadership.

Stirling East - Aldgate Valley (B. Crowden). — On May 19, newly-formed C.M.S. provided dinner for ladies of church; 40 ladies relaxed whilst men did chores. Dr. Sir Philip and Lady Messent were guests of honor. Sir Philip later delighted with an address on *The Christian Home*. D. Kilpatrick left on 27th for overseas trip. Work progressing under ministerial guidance. C.W.F. at Stirling held annual meeting; Mrs. R. F. Knight now pres. Manse and Property Committee, under D. Ackland, doing great work on improvements at Stirling East. During winter months, it has been decided to meet at 5 p.m. for gospel service; first held on June 17 well attended. Combined district rally Pentecost Sunday in Stirling Methodist building; B. Crowden spoke on *Work of the Holy Spirit*.

Clovelly Park (J. C. Cunningham). — J. Coventry accepted position of church sec., and A. S. Page that of treas. Two welcomed into fellowship. Church saddened at loss of Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Kleeman and Mr. Burt. Av. attendances, a.m. 110, p.m. 80. B.S. growing; recent anniversary outstanding, with record attendance of 343 people altogether. All youth groups and auxiliaries continue to grow.

Enfield Heights (R. K. Sansome). — Services on June 3 marked 13th anniversary of church. Special evening meeting witnessed baptism of young man. Messrs. Bunyon and Mauger spoke about the beginnings of our witness. Mrs. Woodroffe was visiting soloist. After-church fellowship welcomed home Mr. and Mrs. Max Thompson and family, recently returned from Christmas Island. 91 communicants, 10th; p.m. av., 50. R. Dockett, who has faithfully acted as church sec. for 10 years, resigned owing to indifferent health; church deeply appreciates his service. Friendship visitation in progress.

VICTORIA

York-st., Ballarat. — Valedictory service tendered to Mr. and Mrs. R. Veal and family, May 17, prior to their departure to India. Representatives present from sister churches. Church extends sympathy to Miss York and family in loss of their father. Family night, June 10; members enjoyed after-church favorite hymn singing. C.W.F. had Mrs. Heard speak to them on 12th. Sister churches were invited for occasion. Local men, with help of visiting speakers, continue to preach at both services on Sunday.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — Av. attendance May: a.m., 123; p.m., 90; communicants, 115. On May 20, Junior and Inter. C.E. visited Wonga Park "Seeing Eye" Dog Training Centre. Popular Y.P. sing-a-long held monthly after evening service. Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, 29th, had play reading, Plenty of Rain. Av. of 32 Y.P. attend this group. P.B.P. organised car trial, 25th, for church members. Monthly Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital visits bring cheer to patients, being made by Y.P. Two tennis teams entered in V.B.C.C.S.A. winter comps. C.E. choir continuing well under leadership of N. Arnott. C.W.A.F. held afternoon, 31st, at home of Mrs. Trim. Young lady welcomed into membership by transfer.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — Prayer and Bible study group Monday nights. C.W.A.F. had monthly meeting, June 12. 45 friends from church attended Keith Holts' "house-warming," 16th. Family welcomed by transfer. J.C.E. made good beginning with 12 children under 11 years. C.Y.F. enjoyed after-church fellowship at Bonbeach, 17th. Mrs. Prescott entered hospital for surgery.

Ivanhoe (H. W. Street). — Church enjoyed series on theme, Family and Home. Attendances being maintained. During minister's holidays, pulpit occupied by Mr. Finger (South Seas Evangelical Mission), R. Dornig, F. Chipperfield, I. Garth. Y.P. from

Protestant churches in Ivanhoe combining for evening service once a quarter; first meeting held at Methodist, June 10, when 40 C. of C. Y.P. attended. Church saddened by Home call of Mrs. Barkla. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Darby in death of brother. E. Heard (India) speaker at C.W.F. luncheon. Men have been busy painting and concreting around property. Hawaiian night held to raise funds for Monbulk. Y.P. made final payment on refrigerator for manse, and have pledged themselves to raise £100 for medical equipment for New Hebrides Mission. Good wishes extended to Miss L. Stevens as she left for working holiday in N.Z. Mrs. Barham and Mrs. Fisher welcomed back after illness.

North Balwyn (R. W. Vautier). — C.W.E.F. entertained C.M.S. at 3rd birthday party. Good confession made by three Y.P., May 27, when C.E. conducted p.m. service. "In-B-Tweens" Club formed, 26th. Film, The Kindled Flame, screened p.m., June 10. United prayer meeting for Morris and Levett East Kew - North Balwyn Campaign held in chapel following this service. C.M.S. had debate with E. Kew, 14th. Explorer Club visited by church officers, 15th. Monbulk Appeal benefited from Explorer film night. Girls' basketball team having successful first season.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — Many in hospital for surgery — Mrs. Satch, Miss Coutts, Mrs. Besson. Mrs. Stanford and Mrs. Black ill. Preparations for mission to church being made. C.M.S. met June 10, when Dr. L. Sheers spoke on Education in Australia and U.S.A. Soloist at evening service was S. Lark. C.W.F. held successful Tupperware afternoon, 13th; 28 ladies present. Church sympathises with A. C. Pfeifer in passing of his mother. Christian Education Programme commenced June 17, when C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) spoke on Fellowship. 65 broke bread. Mrs. L. Ghys soloist, p.m. Resignation of D. Adam as asst.-sec., co-editor of church paper and B.S. teacher received with regret, owing to removal.

Maidstone (R. H. Patterson). — Excellent a.m. attendances May. Services during minister's vacation conducted by L. Snow, H. Pietzsch, E. Westaway and Y.F.C. team, who met with Y.P. for tea and conducted evening service, at which B. Willisdorf was speaker. Y.P. enjoyed trip to snow area, June 4. Young lady has made decision for Christ. Explorer Clubs' zone sports night held in hall; 9 clubs competing.

Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel). — Young lady made decision, baptised and welcomed into fellowship. Prayer and Bible study gaining interest, Y.P. joining in group discussion on Christian Stewardship. Film, Does Christ

Live In Your Home? screened by Mr. Thomas (B. & F. B. S.). Many visitors present, including five from Mile End, and others from distant towns. Av. communicants May, 80. Church extended sympathy to family of late Mrs. Schrader in loss of mother, faithful member for many years. Sympathy also extended to J. Robinson (deacon) and family in loss of his mother, also member for many years.

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust). — Explorers gained 2nd place in Interzone Sports. Deaconesses active in visitation of members. W.M.B. had Puffin cake demonstration and luncheon prior to meeting, June 18. C.W.E.F. viewed temperance film, The Brain the Reason, on 20th. Mrs. Fitzgerald underwent major surgery. H. Myerscough and C. Tovey still unable to attend services. Church sympathises with husband and family of late Mrs. R. Titter. One son, Arthur, is minister at Castlemaine-Harcourt, Vic. Newly-formed Inter-J.C.E. encouraging.

South Melbourne (K. Turner). — Lady baptised and welcomed into membership. Much effort put into fete to help re-building appeal; almost £400 raised. Church thanks all within brotherhood who assisted and supported this effort.

Wattle Park (L. G. Crisp, L.Th.). — Mrs. Manallack speaker for special evening service. Men entertained ladies at after-church fellowship. At church annual meeting all auxiliaries reported renewed interest; A. McKay added to Official Board. Good Companions paid visit to MacRobertson's factory; Mrs. Eason (pres., Girls' Fell.) instructed them in gymnasium. Film evening realised £26. Explorer clubs working for Monbulk appeal. Heating unit donated to morning creche. Girls attended C.Y.F. camp at Flinders, also Leadership Course. Recent speakers have included C. Young, C. Dredge, A. Crisp, D. Smith and A. Avery (H.M. Dept.) spoke to Board on coming Stewardship Campaign.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — Midweek meetings blessed by visiting speakers: Mrs. Gullidge (Social Service) and R. Orton (West Preston Methodist). Enjoyable visit paid to Moreland. This group organised appeal for Bethany Boys' Home, and 12 pullovers have been sent. C. Minns speaker June 6, on training of "seeing-eye" dogs. His dog, Andy, accompanied him. Mr. Matthews still in hospital. After-church fellowship held June 3, when G. Harman (Moreland) brought slides of recent visit to N.Z.; items by Colin and Alan Ware (Coburg); 95 attended. Y.P. had hike and barbecue in Sherbrooke Forest, Queen's Birthday. Young Explorers have so far raised £32 for Monbulk Appeal. Club flourishing. E. Heard

(India) spoke at open Y.P.C.E. meeting, 12th.

Yarrowonga (D. Russell). — Morning services well attended. Senior B.S. scholar made her decision to follow Christ p.m., May 20. Good Companions and Explorer Clubs functioning well. Several visitors attended holiday weekend, coming from number of suburban churches. Members who have been ill are attending again. F. Cooksey (returned missionary from Sudan) showed slides and gave talk of his work there, also information of his new work in New Guinea, June 13.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — Church sec., I. K. Jackel, has completed 20 years in that office. Mrs. Wills, Miss Yeaman and Mr. Thomas convalescing after hospitalisation. Messrs. McIntosh and Izzard still under medical care. Lyle Jackel, Rotary exchange student, addressed C.M.S. on Indian experiences. Samuel and Japheth attended Cheshunt Camp Reunion. "Back to school," sponsored by Youth Fellowship, yielded £5 for Mission Fund. Book stall inaugurated for same purpose. Two young men baptised and received into fellowship.

Balwyn (H. E. Steele - interim). — Youth camp at Barwon Heads during holiday weekend proved time of good fellowship and helpful study-time for 44 Y.P., thanks to consecrated leadership and co-operation. Mr. Burns gave talk on visit to Holy Land to fellowship meeting, 7th. Sybil Watson and Kevin Free honored prior to marriage. C.W.F. held birthday meeting, with luncheon for 90; talk given by Mrs. Morrison on her world tour.

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — During absence of minister in U.S.A., pulpit occupied by J. Smail, D. Hamilton, R. Banks, W. Jackel. J. Webb has commenced 2 months' interim ministry. B.S. has commenced morning school in lieu of afternoon. School at Thomson (East Geelong) continues in good heart. Several G.L.B. members and leaders attended G.L.B. camp, Belgrave Heights. J.C.E. to be held during latter portion of church service; K. McGregor and V. Grieve leaders. Men held fellowship tea, June 10, with G. Vafiopulous guest speaker.

Burwood East (H. J. Patterson, M.A. - R. Lawton). — In absence of minister in Tasmania, church addressed by E. L. Williams, K. Jones and R. Lawton (C.O.B.). Attendances keeping up well, with record 229 at B.S. June 10, and 95 at a.m. service. Y.P. "talent and top forty" night successful, with good attendance. Boys' clubs, under leadership of E. Patterson and H. Weedon, explored Wilson's Promontory Queen's Birthday weekend. Ladies' work in good heart and meetings well attended. Girls' club well attended. Mr.

and Mrs. N. Warmbrunn (Tas.) visitors, 17th.

Chadstone (D. B. McIntosh). — Two teenage girls have made decisions. Mrs. Mitchell welcomed from Fremantle. Planned Giving Programme two years old; has doubled offerings. C.M.S. visited Glen Waverley and took programme. Explorers took part in combined hike and indoor sports. Junior cricket team shared W. L. Smith Trophy for most efficient club. Good Companions visited I.M.T.; have commenced basketball team. Junior and Senior C.Y.F. groups flourishing. Church car picnic held at Maroondah, June 4. Approx. £11/10/- received during Literature Week. M. Allen (Meth.) spoke a.m. Pentecost Sunday.

Collingwood (S. Wilkerson). — G. Haylock appointed chairman, Officers' Board. Sunday evening prayer meetings strongly supported. Church presented J. and G. Mackley with travelling rug each in appreciation of assistance given during recent renovations of chapel. C.E. held meeting at home of Mrs. A. Trew. Following resignations of Mr. and Mrs. R. Darby from B.S. and Girls' Club, these appointments made: B.S. supt., J. Mackley; leaders, Good Companions, E. Buttner and M. Porteus, with Mrs. Topham asst. C.W.F. last two meetings included recipe and snap debates nights. Mrs. Mackley, snr., now in regular attendance. Men conducted working bee at home of Miss Simons, June 6. C.W.F. held fancy dress social, 16th., numerous visitors from North Fitzroy being present. Membership now numbers 35. Av. attendance for May: a.m. 44, p.m. 25, communicants 37.

Kangaroo Flat (J. K. Martin). — Church officers and deacons have been appointed and work is progressing. Officers are: minister, J. K. Martin; sec., I. R. Hangar; treas., V. Martin. B.S. anniversary held, with R. Dixon (Caulfield) speaker. 4th church anniversary meetings, June 10, well attended; guest speaker, H. Arms. Kinder-Primary dept. now has 31 on roll and good interest is maintained. Weekly youth club commenced.

Moreland (G. A. Grainger). — One young woman baptised and received into fellowship. Monthly after-church sing-song held at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harman. C.M.S. tea enjoyed films by A. Milesi. C.W.F. held meeting at home of elderly member. On June 15, Junior Crusader Boys' Club held 21st anniversary and reunion of past members and leaders. Mrs. Graham (past minister's wife) cut cake. Club has now taken name of Explorers. Tribute paid to past leaders, Stan Powell, Bob, Conning, Keith Crowley, Fred Dickson and present leader, W. Green, who has led the group for 10 years, also Mrs. Taylor, in charge of Mothers' Committee. C.Y.F. holding interesting and helpful meetings.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., JUNE 17. — I enjoyed fellowship with the church at Malvern this morning, initiating a seven-week series on *Know Your Brotherhood*, which will feature various Departmental speakers in coming weeks. The minister and officers are to be commended for a programme well prepared and publicised. I was back in my home pulpit at night, for the only time this month. We sat up to watch the ABV-2 screening of my TV talk on *If God Be God!* I'm never sure which is worse — to hear a recording of your voice or to watch a picture of yourself. TV gives you both shocks in one!

MON., JUNE 18. — One of Wendy's Leaving English assignments was to listen to tonight's broadcast of Stewart's radio play, *Fire on the Snow*. As I listened with her while the play unfolded the epic story of Scott and his men, their journey to the Pole, their bitter disappointment at being beaten there by Amundsen, and the loss of their lives on the return journey, I thought how courage like theirs is never dated, and never loses the power to thrill.

TUES., JUNE 19. — After our Youth Fellowship had visited the College of the Bible tonight, Wendy told me she saw a signature of mine in the Library records — "Way back in the thirties," she said. I felt — not for the first time — like some survivor from the Ark!

WED., JUNE 20. — At the end of a day's visiting, it was my turn to stay home with the girls, while Amelia joined a *Woman to Woman* evangelism team as song-leader and soloist for a meeting at Sth. Yarra. They faced a chapel well filled with ladies, despite a wintry night — a fitting tribute to the hard work and earnest prayers of the South Yarra women.

THURS., JUNE 21. — A varied day — first, an editorial to be written; then some luncheon guests to be called for, prior to the C.W.F. birthday afternoon; then a funeral service in drenching rain; followed by some hours in the Austral office and on to the H.M. Dept. meeting, which happily finished in good time for me to get home and prepare the local church weekly.

FRI., JUNE 22. — We joined others tonight as guests at a most interesting performance of *The Miracle Worker*, the play showing Helen Keller's first savage reactions as a child to the woman whom she was later to love as "Teacher," the "miracle" worker" of her life.

SAT., JUNE 23. — I've been thinking of Dr. Sangster's words about one of his sermons: "I fixed my eye on Christ, and went ahead!"

Late News

Ringwood (J. E. Brooke). — Av. communicants May, 106; p.m., 68. Five additions through discipleship and 3 by transfer. J. Rankin (elder) showing improvement after surgical treatment. L. Prentice (pres., Eastern Dist. Conf.) and Mrs. Prentice visitors, May 27. C.W.F. 10th birthday celebrated, 12th; 140 present, with many visitors from brotherhood and local churches. Mrs. Amos led devotions and Mrs. Stott soloist. Trial By Jury on stewardship of time, presented by Central Executive. Committees for membership, evangelism, education, building and finance now beginning to function in co-operation with Officers' Board for church administration.

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — C.W.E.F. held Cafe Continental May 30. Mrs. Morrison (Vice-Pres., C.W.F., Vic.-Tas.) gave talk on overseas tour; Mrs. Laughton, soloist. F. T. Morgan speaker a.m., June 3. C.M.S. held class for presiding and Bible reading for its meeting, 6th. C.W.F. attended luncheon at Mrs. I. Carter's home, 13th.

BIRTHS

WEEDON (Withers). — On June 15, at Box Hill Comm. Hospital, to Josie and Howard, a son — David Mark. Both well.

GRAHAM (Powell). — On June 17, to Jill and Alan, a daughter — Merilyn Jill. Sister for Peter.

McCOSKER (Stewart). — Winson and Col. happily announce the arrival of a son, David Colin, born June 14, 1962. Win and baby both well.

CARROLL. — To Thelma and John, at District Hospital, Mudgee, N.S.W., on June 13, a son — Andrew John. Playmate for Jo-anne and Donna.

DEATH

BROUGH. — On June 17, at W.G.H., Warragul, Vic., Eric George, of Wright's-rd., Warragul, dearly beloved husband of Edna, loving father of Glenda (Mrs. Jenkins), Lois and Phyllis; father-in-law of Peter.

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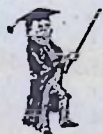
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OBITUARY

Mrs. Ethel Maude Miles.

It was with a real sense of sadness that the members of the Red Cliffs (Vic.) Church of Christ learnt of the passing of our sister, Mrs. Miles. She came into the membership of the church here in the very early days of the settlement, after being influenced by the preaching of her cousin, Gilbert Chandler. For close on forty years she served Christ in his Church. In latter years she has been in fellowship with the Peel-st. church at Ballarat. She was a woman who saw many hardships in life, yet bore them all bravely, and used her time in helping others. She was active in the C.W.F. in the churches with which she had fellowship. While never a prominent leader, she was faithful in the tasks that were hers. After a short illness she passed to be with her Lord at the age of 76 years. We commend her relatives and friends to the comfort of the Saviour, in whose love she rests. — S. K. Bannon.

Baby Sharon Broad.

Sympathy is expressed to Arthur and Heather Broad, of Pyramid, Vic., at the loss of their only child, who passed away at the age of 6 weeks. After the birth of their daughter it was discovered that there was a spinal deficiency, and very little hope was held. Her death occurred in the Children's Hospital, Melbourne. The service was conducted from the Pyramid chapel, and then at the Pyramid Cemetery on June 2. The church feels with the parents of Sharon and we are glad of the everlasting arms of Jesus and the place in our Heavenly Father's Home for these little ones. — C. G. Henderson.

Emily Elizabeth Harland.

The church at Boondall, Qld., is saddened by the passing of Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Harland to her rest at the age of 90 years. Together with her husband and family, Mrs. Harland joined the church at Roma during the Harward-Robbins mission in 1921. Following the death of her husband, our sister and family moved to Brisbane in 1937, and linked up with the Boondall church, where the members enjoyed her fellowship as a devoted sister in Christ. Through the years she demonstrated her Christian faith and loyalty, and brought gladness to many hearts. It was a great regret to her when sickness made it impossible to attend the services. Beautiful floral tributes from a large gathering of brethren bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which our sister was held. To her daughter, Myra, we offer our deepest sympathy. C. J. Williams (minister of the Stafford church and life-long friend of the family) conducted the funeral service, first at

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Miss Gladys Baker.

A deep sense of loss is felt by the church at Parkdale, Vic., with the passing of Miss Gladys Baker on May 17. Coming from England in 1904, her family took up its membership at Prahran, where, shortly afterwards, she was baptised by Joseph Pittman. Later with her family she transferred to South Yarra, and then to Malvern-Caulfield. It was here that Miss Baker's interest and ability in floral decoration led her to accept responsibility for the flower roster. The excellence of her floral arrangements was particularly appreciated at special services. For many years she continued this ministry until, in 1946, she became a member at Parkdale. Quietly and capably she gave of her time to those tasks which make for smooth-running in church activities. Unobtrusive attention to details overlooked by others was characteristic of her, and committees on which she served were indebted to her effort and advice. She loved the Lord and his Church, and lived as servant of both. The services at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ellis, with whom she lived, and at Springvale Crematorium, were conducted by the writer. To her sisters, Mrs. Fielder and Mrs. Ellis, and to relatives, the church expresses its sympathies; and to God, its thanks for a life of unceasing service. —P. Perry.

Maggie Emeline Dines.

With the passing of Mrs. W. H. F. Dines, on May 28, another stalwart servant of Christ from the Surrey Hills (Vic.) church has been called Home. As Miss Maggie Moore, she entered into membership with the Bendigo church, where she was married to Frank Dines by the late Fred. Collins. Endowed with great capacity as an organiser, she became the first Supt. of the Mission Bands of the (then) Victorian Women's Conference; Mrs. Dines also served faithfully on the Conf. Catering Com. for many years. During the ministries of the late Principal T. H. Scambler at Hawthorn and Box Hill, our sister gave zealous service among the women of the local churches. This continued when she transferred her membership to Surrey Hills. At home, she was a devoted wife and, in the church, delighted to share in every progressive step. In her later years, Mrs. Dines was a great encouragement to those who succeeded her in carrying responsibilities of leadership. Hers was an outgoing personality; during a long period when she was largely confined to bed, she bravely bore pain and asked her visitors about the welfare of others and about the work of Christ. The writer conducted a private service at Springvale Crematorium; loving sympathy is offered to all her loved ones. —R. A. Ryall.

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