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Single Adult Women — A Brotherhood Asset

W. R. Hibburt.

Single adulthood is a noble status. Those intimate with the history of Churches of Christ in Australia at the local and Federal level will recognise that the often used phrase, "vessels of honor," aptly describes the service rendered by unmarried women. Such "vessels of honor" are in plentiful supply throughout the Australian brotherhood.

Throughout the years there has been a grand succession of single adult women who, by the quality of their service, have proved themselves work-women who need not be ashamed. A review of brotherhood affairs gives proof that most executive officers in State and Federal Depts. are re-inforced by capable single women, some of whom have given long and valued service. Associated with "vessels of honor" are widows, who have consecrated their years of widowhood to Christian service. What is true at departmental levels is even more so at congregational levels. The news columns of this journal report at intervals congregations honoring single women who have given long service as B.S. teachers, organists and leaders in service-task units. The Cheltenham church of Victoria recently reported that Miss F. Brough was now in her 75th year as church organist. Miss Marion E. Pittman died at the age of 86 on June 13, 1961. She lived an influential life. For 46 years she served with outstanding efficiency as organist of Lygon-st., and as Victorian

Conference organist. The files of *The Australian Christian*, used for historical research, would give proof of the splendor of service rendered by single women in all States. The excellency of their service is related to choral and instrumental work, Christian education, leadership in youth clubs and activities, and in Women's Fellowship groups, and oversight in social projects. Miss Rita



Teaching Children Like These Is
One Ministry for Single Women.

Roberts, of Victoria, is a current typical example of dedicated leadership. There are now 102 Girls' Good Companion Clubs in Victoria, with a membership of 2,000. Since the inauguration of the movement over 25 years ago, she has given purposeful leadership as Chief Good Companion.

The Chinese Mission work commenced in Melbourne 57 years ago. Miss Annie Baker has never doubted the worth of this missionary endeavor, and for most of the years has given dedicated service as teacher, and in sharing the responsibility of the church.

Overseas missionary work has moved forward on the feet of single adult women. Our missionary history is streamlined with the gallant endeavors of single women. The first missionary in the field was a single woman. The call for a male worker to go to India was unheeded. Through the pages of *The Christian Pioneer* (the forerunner of *The Australian Christian*), a direct appeal was made for a young lady volunteer. Miss Mary Thompson responded to the appeal, and signified her willingness to serve; modesty compelled her to say, "I feel I am not fitted for the work." Farewelled in Melbourne and Sydney in May, 1891, she proceeded to Harda, where she remained until 1934. During her long period of service she was a stimulation to her Australian sisters and was known to the Indian people as "Beloved Mary." In the centennial year of the Australian Churches of Christ, A. Anderson, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, compiled a complete list of missionaries who had served since the beginning days of the brotherhood missionary enterprise. It listed the names of the following single women: Mary Thompson, E. Terrell, R. Tilly, F. Cameron, F. Tole, E. Caldicott, V. Blake, L. Redman, E. Vawser, L. Foreman, G. Lambert, R. Tonkin, A. Masters, V. Wakely, H. Wiltshire, K. E. Taylor and W. Walker.

There are now 14 single women at present at work in the Overseas Mission fields.

Since the brotherhood's awakening to its responsible ministry to the Australian Aborigines, single women have played a noble part in the discharge of the responsibility. Miss Eadie, a New Zealander, was first in the field.

Surely the title of this article is justified by the array of the foregoing facts. Yet those with an intimate knowledge of Conference departmental work and local situations and personalities will recognise that only half the story has been unfolded.



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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"

of July 4, 1962.

Editor F. G. Dunn.

Waldens Welcomed to Unley, S.A.—
The public welcome to Bro. and Sister Walden on Thursday evening passed off successfully. There was a large attendance. Bro. Horsell, President of Conference, was chairman, and extended a welcome to Mr. Walden on behalf of the S.A. brotherhood, to whom he would be a tower of strength. (Twelve speeches of welcome followed!) Bro. Walden was greeted with prolonged applause as he rose to reply. He spoke feelingly of his long and happy association of 16 years with the church at Enmore.

News from Mary Thompson. — I was feeling a wee bit discouraged this morning; Dr. Drummond has been very poorly the last few days; we have cholera and two very sick young men in our midst, and some things seem a bit hard just now. But I had such a good mail at noon, a letter just brimming over with good things from one of my scholars, such enthusiastic reports of the Conference and of the good times the Sydney folks were having, and I almost felt as if I were with you again. I had a praise service to myself, and rejoiced with you all in the success of the work.

Decisions in Scoville Mission Near 1,000. — The Melbourne mission is now in its fifth week, and it is confidently expected that before its close the number of confessions will have passed the 1,000 mark. At our recent Conference, the present writer expressed the hope that this year would see us out of the 7,000 rut in which we had stuck for some years past. That hope, we are pleased to say, will certainly be realised, and a big advance, thanks to the present mission, is sure to be chronicled at our next Conference. The interest in the mission has extended to the country; preachers in country towns are convinced that a change of air is beneficial at this juncture. So we find G. Chandler, from Colac; A. W. Connor, of Bendigo; H. Leng, of Maryborough; J. R. Combridge, of Kyne-ton; Dr. Cook, of Bendigo, all paying flying visits to the great mission.

One Address Dr. Scoville Didn't Give! — (The early part of the Sunday afternoon Thanksgiving Service was so long that, as the reporter put it) old Father Time was making headway. The closing hour was reached, and the address by Bro. Scoville on Worldwide Awakening was not delivered. Bro. Scoville accepted the situation philosophically, and so the meeting closed with prayer.

Tent Mission, Prospect, S.A. — I. A. Paternoster reports 27 confessions to date.

BUILDING A BROTHERHOOD

It was a significant day in our history as Churches of Christ in Australia when, in Oct. 1889, representatives of the States met in an Inter-Colonial Conference in Melbourne. State barriers were minimised; for the first time some truly national planning was done. It was determined to extend the work to Western Australia, and to do this "by raising funds in all the Colonies." That Home Mission enterprise marked the beginning of the building of an Australian brotherhood.

The Federal Conferences which developed from that first Inter-Colonial Conference have carried on the good work. Overseas missions quickly became the concern of the 1891 Conference and succeeding gatherings, leading to the appointment of a Federal F.M. Committee and the commencement of the first Australian Mission station in India in 1905 — an amazing act of faith in the face of the treasurer's report: "The treasury is quite empty." Almost immediately, at the Federal Conference of 1906, the decision was made to crown years of discussion (dating back to the 1889 Conference), and State experiments in training classes, by officially instituting, as a Federal venture, the College of the Bible. In 1924 came the establishment of the Federal Bible School and Young People's Dept., which led in more recent years to the Federal Board of Christian Education, primarily concerned with the preparation of graded lesson and study group materials, as well as doing intensive work through Commissions and Conferences. The year 1938 saw the emergence of the women's work on the Federal Conference level, and a direction given to Federal Executive to plan commencement of work among Australian Aborigines — resulting in the creation of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board at the 1941 Federal Conference.

The establishment on a national scale of the Preachers' Provident Fund was a move which reflected the brotherhood's growing awareness of its responsibility to its ministers. The Hymn Book Committee deals with matters of vital importance to our churches' worship. The comparatively recent development of Federal Home Missions already has a thrilling record of achievement in Canberra. The Federal Dept. of Men's Work (1954) and the Historical Society (1958) are the most recent "babies" of Federal Conference. In addition, certain Vic.-Tas. Depts. are appointed to serve at the Federal level — the Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union, the Social Questions and Services Board and the Literature Committee.

Interstate conferences at Departmental levels have aided the growing sense of Federal brotherhood. In 1943, State Youth Directors began meet-

ing in annual conferences; in 1956 State Home Mission Directors started to do likewise, in a series of conferences of major significance in the evangelistic outreach of our Australian churches. Other leaders have succeeded in breaking through State barriers in helpful consultation.

Throughout this building of a brotherhood, one un-official body has played a major role — The Austral Printing and Publishing Company. This non-profit Company was begun by an American, whose vision was bettered only by his courage; for example, who but A. B. Maston would ever have dared embark on the publication of so elaborate a record as the *Jubilee History* of our Australian Churches in 1903 — but it was a venture in brotherhood, and is still a treasured volume among older members. With his tracts and books, he set the pattern which The Austral has faithfully sought to follow ever since — service to the brotherhood. In the production of Austral Graded Lessons, the Company gladly co-operated with R. T. Pittman and the late Reg. Enniss in the initial series, and in the changes which have come with the years. It continued A. B. Maston's work in the weekly paper, *The Australian Christian*, now in its 65th year, and the children's magazine, *Pure Words* (more recently *Skyways*). Few people realise that this has only been possible at continued cost to The Austral. With the price to subscribers always kept at the lowest possible figure, *The Australian Christian* has rarely balanced its budget; the Company has borne the loss as part of its service to the brotherhood. This is only one facet of its contribution to the on-going of the Restoration Movement in this land. I write on my own responsibility when I say that only those ignorant of facts like these could ever dismiss this as just a private company instead of what it has proved itself to be — a vital factor in the building of a brotherhood.

As for *The Australian Christian*, records show how seriously that word *Australian* has been taken. Far from being just a Victorian paper, it has given thousands of pounds' worth of free publicity to Federal and World Convention activities, as well as to individual States. Victoria receives its proportionate share, as containing one-third of our Federal membership, but news reports from other States are given priority. Editorials are written on a national, not a State, level. (Interestingly, only one Editor has been a Victorian!)

We stress these things only because we treasure the fact that this paper is linked with all those who will not allow anything — even the pathetic "hang-over" of State rivalries — to stop us from building a brotherhood in which, ultimately, all barriers will come crashing down!

A. B. WITHERS (Vic.-Tas. Overseas Missions chairman) writes . . .

— Amid Memories of Our First Missionary —

In the year her parents died, Mary Thompson was baptised at Collingwood, Vic. Seven years later, 1891, this young woman, "highly approved," left Melbourne for Harda, India, seventy years ago last year.

Miss Thompson went to work with the Whartons, of the Disciples' (American) Mission. G. L. Wharton, in Australia during a furlough, had appealed for a young man for the work at Harda, and when none was forthcoming, intimated that a young woman's help was needed among the women in the zenanas, a zenana being a part of a house in which women of high caste in India are secluded.

Having been accepted and sent, Mary Thompson gave forty-three years to India. She was with the Disciples until 1929, when, due to depression then affecting countries, "drastic economic cuts" (A. Anderson in *Australian Christian*, Feb. 5, 1947) were made, and Harda, the oldest but most outlying part of the American Mission, was forfeited.

Mary Thompson, however, continued there until 1934. Even then, in Australia on furlough, she anticipated returning to Harda, and in fact was proceeding on the journey back when she became too ill to go beyond Adelaide. She died in 1936.



Miss Mary Thompson,
as she was when she went
to India, 1891.

Mary Thompson was of heroic type, and as such was portrayed in a Children's Day Service (Centenary Children's Day Programme, 1946: Gordon Stirling, B.A.), and in Albert Anderson's *In Mary Thompson's Footsteps* (Australian Christian, quoted above). The Jubilee History of Churches of Christ in Australasia refers to Mary Thompson's name being presented to Conference "as the one suited first to represent Australia in the Foreign Field," and it was on this occasion that she was highly approved. In her first term

in India she was occupied in a Sunday School of 300, kept busy in the zenanas, and herself reported that she had been going once a week to teach the lepers, but that it was not easy work. An American spoke of her as "such a genuine, warm-hearted, good-spirited, gentle, and firm Christian." When she had been nearly five years in India (she had been eight when she first returned to Australia), G. L. Wharton wrote of her being a Christian "of faultless spirit and character." He also wrote that wherever she went teaching, "spirit and deed bear the glorious light of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

On July 11 this year, at Collingwood, Vic., the goodwill of the churches is to be expressed to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Williams as they go to India and to the hospital established by Dr. Oldfield at Dhond, and a welcome extended to Sister Janet Hunting, lately returned on furlough from New Guinea.

Within the fellowship of the church which gave Australian Churches of Christ their first missionary, missionaries of the present time are to be received and sent. Amid memories of the first of the now many missionaries from among us, the beginnings of memories for the future will be formed.

QLD. HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE

ROMA, JUNE 2-4, 1962.

More than one hundred delegates from Kingaroy to Warwick, and Brisbane west travelled by chartered bus, private cars and train to share in what proved to be a memorable weekend at Roma, 318 miles west of Brisbane. The local church was established in 1888 and, as part of the Conference, the official opening and dedication of the Ann Kieseker Memorial Youth Hall indicates an enthusiastic and practical attitude to positive community service. This attractively furnished and functionally equipped hall provided adequate accommodation for all meetings of the Conference, including the serving of meals. The competent organisation of local members in providing meals and accommodation was greatly appreciated by all delegates.

The Conference theme, Jesus Christ, was introduced by the President, J. H. McCormick (Kedron), at the opening session. One hundred and sixty-

eight members present represented twenty churches of the brotherhood. W. McDougall (Roma sec.) gave the opening address: *Jesus Christ, The Way to Understanding*. This practical presentation of the place of Christ in our personal relationships in the Church as well as in the community provided a solid foundation for subsequent speakers.

As the Conference followed so soon after the Annual Conference, the President gave a brief resume of the decisions made, and of the highlights of the Conference. Opportunities were then given for questions, which were answered by Dept. representatives. Separate sessions for the men and women followed. Under the guidance of the Women's Conf. Pres., Mrs. W. Finger, the *Woman to Woman* programme of evangelism was presented and discussed. After an introduction by S. Chalmers (Men's Dept.) the men discussed the problem of

"losses on our church rolls each year." A number of positive suggestions were made during this frank sharing of concern and remedy.

On Saturday evening, although the weather was unfavorable, a great congregation remained for the rally. A. C. Thurrowgood (Toowoomba) spoke on *Jesus Christ: The Way to God*. He drew attention to the fact that Jesus Christ stands at the door to God, that he gives spiritual security and peace with God.

Sunday morning dawned wet, but representatives remembered International Shut-In Sunday and visited the local hospital and annexe, distributing cards and giving greetings. The "showers" proved to be symbolic of the blessings that came through the broadcast communion service. H. C. Wheat (Kingaroy) drew our attention to *Jesus Christ: The Way to Fellowship*. He spoke of the "Fellowship of the Indwelling Christ," of the "Im-

portance of the Fellowship," of the "Practicality of the Fellowship," and of the "Problem of the Fellowship" that had arisen because so many, even those who belonged to the Church, had their standards of value mixed-up. A chorus of local young people provided the choral music for the worship service.

After another well-provided meal, the Conference re-assembled to hear J. A. Rae (Ma Ma Creek - Gatton) introduce a discussion on Jesus Christ: The Way to Service. Using the parable of Jesus (Matt. 21: 28), he declared that there was no choice except that of obedience or disobedience — that we are called upon to do his work, in his vineyard as his sons. After this introduction, the congregation was divided into small groups with leaders who spent time discussing the implications of this challenge. All agreed that we were commissioned to "preach," and some thought there was a sense in which we were "compelled" to do so by the love of Christ freely given.

On Sunday evening, the hall was comfortably filled by delegates and

friends to share in the witness to Jesus Christ: the Son of God. Youth Director and H.M. Sec.-Organiser, D. W. Mansell, drew the attention of all to the claims that Jesus made that he was the Son of God, and to the four miracles which support those claims — his birth, his baptism, his transfiguration, and his resurrection. The service was followed by the screening of an American film, *Homestead, U.S.A.* This proved a fitting climax to an inspiring day.

On Monday morning, delegates assembled early for a conducted tour of the city, including the gas well, and "Orange Grove." This was followed by a workshop session. Groups discussed what they considered the chief aims of the churches working together as a brotherhood, how the present organisation could be improved to achieve them, and what results could be expected from such recommendations. In reporting on the discussions, each group stressed the primary purpose of presenting Christ. Two groups felt this meant a deeper level of personal commit-

ment to Christ in the local churches. Other suggestions were — the adoption of small churches by larger ones; greater co-ordination in committee planning and in the raising of finance; greater use of the power available through prayer. In summing up, the President stressed the nature of individual responsibility as indicated in Eph. 4 and other Scriptures, as being essential to the growth and well-being of the Church.

Appreciations were expressed of the untiring work of the local minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Boettcher, who had also loaned their electronic organ for the Conference; to Mrs. A. Fraser (East Ipswich), who played for all gatherings of Conference; to speakers, soloists, projectionist; to the ladies who had so efficiently and amply provided meals, and to the local congregation who had spontaneously opened their hearts and their homes to make the Conference a memorable one for all who attended. A hurried lunch, a prayer, and delegates regretfully turned for home, rejoicing in "the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love."



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Journey to New Guinea

In the early hours of May 22, Miss Rosalie Rofe and I boarded the 'plane for New Guinea. After a day's stay at Port Moresby, we flew to Madang via Lae and Goroka. From here we had to charter a 'plane to take us to Awar. Mr. Beale was waiting with the new Land Rover which would take us the first few miles of our journey. We went as far as the road would allow us, and then it was a matter of walking. The country was fairly flat, with only two or three hills to climb. The track, however, is very rough and necessitates walking through long stretches of mud and water knee deep. There were a number of streams to cross by using logs as bridges.

It is not an easy matter to reach Tung, and we were indeed very thankful when, after about seven hours of hard walking, we arrived at the Mission. It was lovely to meet these brethren who represent Australian Churches of Christ in New Guinea. In the evening we were able to meet together and discuss matters such as the need for more workers, equip-

ment and future development. We had discussed these things often by letter, but it was much better to be able to sit down together and openly discuss the work.

An amazing amount of work has been done here at Tung, and when we consider the other stations at Pir, Chungribu and Bunapas, we cannot speak highly enough of the work accomplished by our missionaries in the short time they have been here. Less than four years ago the land on which the Mission is established was covered in jungle. Now a large area has been cleared and three houses for missionaries, a school, a dispensary, several wards and numerous out-buildings have been erected.

On Sunday we worshipped in the Tung chapel. This is a large building made of native material. It was encouraging to see so many coming to worship and to hear the people sing hymns of praise in pidgin English. A service is held in the morning and again in the afternoon, and before the morning service the children attend Sunday School, and in the afternoon Christian Endeavor.

The children at the Tung school are making good progress, and I spent an interesting morning in the

school room. Miss Rosalie Rofe was also there, and was being introduced to the work by Miss Draney. The progress at Tung is a clear indication of the worthwhileness of Overseas Missions. A few years ago the people here were amongst the masses who had no schools, no medical assistance, no knowledge of Christ. Today they are amongst those who can say, "Our teacher," "Our doctor," "Our nurses," "Our preacher," and there are indications that in the not too distant future there will be those who will be able to say, "Our Saviour," as they decide to heed the challenge of the gospel.

One cannot fully appreciate the hardships our missionaries face until an actual visit has been made to the field. Their willingness to face hardship and live under trying conditions should be matched by people in the home-land being prepared to support the work through prayer and sacrificial giving.

Patrolling in New Guinea

R. S. A. McLean.

Sisters Hunting and Anderson had often mentioned their medical patrols in letters, but it was my privilege actually to go on a patrol with them last week. The purpose of the patrol is to check the health of mothers and babies. The babies are examined and weighed, and any that are sick are sent to the medical aid posts. Mothers are advised of any attention the babies may be needing. Expectant mothers are examined and these are encouraged to go to Tung for the birth of their babies. On the

few days that we were out on patrol, over 400 babies were examined. As a result of this work, the lives of many children are saved and if the advice of the nurses is accepted they are given the opportunity to live healthier lives. The patrols enable our missionaries to contact hundreds of people in the villages, and the influence of the Mission is spread.

It is no easy matter to go on patrol. It means walking for many miles along jungle paths through rugged country. The tracks are wet and slippery, and in many places there is no alternative but to walk through mud which is more than ankle deep, and walk through water which is knee deep. The nights are spent at "Kiap" houses, which are built for Government Officers. These buildings are made of native material and have little to offer in the way of comfort.

Our patrol terminated at Pir, and it was a welcome sight after a long and difficult walk to climb to the top of a hill and look down on the Mission buildings. We were warmly welcomed by Rex and Elaine Chamberlain and Dorothy Howden. Jan and Betty stayed the night at Pir, and commenced the four hour walk to

Tung the next day. Work at Pir begins early in the morning, with dispensary work conducted by Elaine Chamberlain. After the children have had their sores dressed they are marched into school. Miss Howden teaches the Beginners, and Mr. Chamberlain Standards I. and II. The children have progressed very well since the school was established two years ago. Sixty-one children are now enrolled.

The next station to visit is Chungribu, and Mr. and Mrs. Beale and Dr. Stanhope will accompany me on this visit.

It has been my privilege to view the work on our three Mission fields, first of all the New Hebrides, then India and now New Guinea. In all of these fields there are thousands of needy people, and the thought that has continually come to my mind is that we in Australia have so much and they so little. May God forgive us for our lack of concern and for our limited vision. The physical and spiritual needs of the people in these lands across the seas demand that we give our work and witness overseas a permanent place in our thinking.

not to be ministered unto. The Son of God came, and his life's spirit was described in his own words, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Serving is therefore the most exalted, the most divine thought of life. This is the secret of real happiness, to serve.

The rewards are easily discernible. The assaulted man was cared for; the Samaritan had inner satisfaction. There's even a hint of the future, "When I return I will pay what I owe." Yet he didn't really owe a thing! He accepted the debt on another's behalf. Isn't this the very essence of the gospel message . . . that another accepts for us?

Social welfare work we are enabled to do as Christians is not enough. It is only an introduction to fields of evangelism. When we are able to touch a person's life, we must of necessity have an influence upon that life, and it is then that we can introduce them to Jesus Christ, so that they may know him as a personal Friend and Saviour.

HYMN.

No. 593, "Bear the cup of loving service."

MISSIONARY NEWS.

MISSIONARY PRAYER.

BUSINESS.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

No. 109, "Crown him with many crowns."

BENEDICTION.



"Mother of the Year"

WORLD C.W.F. PRESIDENT
IN HER HOME TOWN

Esther Casillas Maldonado, President of the World Christian Women's Fellowship, has been named "Mother of the Year" in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Mrs. Maldonado, mother of six, is a "special teacher of English" in the public schools and wife of a Disciple lay minister.

Selection of the "Mother of the Year" is made from a list of candidates recommended by various civic organisations of the city and voted upon by a committee of the organisations' representatives. Mrs. Maldonado's candidacy was sponsored by the Teachers' Association of Bayamon, a city of 80,000. She was honored during the civic activities related to the annual patron saint festival during May. Besides a civic reception held in her honor at the clubhouse of the Bayamon Lions Club, she was honored by a series of special services held in Disciples churches in Bayamon and at the Mother's Day programme at the Comerio-st. Church Academy (day school). Later in the

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Programme for August

Theme:

"The Good Samaritan"

Mrs. E. P. C. Hollard (S.A.).

MEDITATION.

"At the time when help, deliverance, or favor comes to us, our hearts are very warm with grateful feeling. 'We will never forget this kindness,' we say. But do we never forget it? We remember injuries done to us; and how hard it is to forget a wrong that another has inflicted upon us. Sometimes we hear it said, 'I forgive him, but I can never forget the injury.' Have we as good memories for favors, kindnesses, blessings? Shall we not train ourselves rather to forget the hurts we receive, and to remember, with faithful gratitude, every kindness done to us?"

HYMN.

No. 375, "Dear Lord, who sought at dawn of day."

PRAYER.

"Father of us all, grant us the love to see all men and women as brothers and sisters; the concern to give

them a help along the way; to despise the evil things which harm and often destroy; never to shirk the responsibility measured for us in the needs of others. We thank thee for the privilege that is ours of knowing thee as our Saviour; we thank thee because we have been lifted up by the Son of thy love. Help us to add our strength to his in meeting the needs of our day, as they are presented to us. In his name. Amen."

BIBLE READING.

Luke 10: 25-37.

DEVOTIONAL.

The Good Samaritan emphasises some important factors in human relations; that, where there is need, there is responsibility, and that the responsibility must often be accepted by those who have not created the need. The Christian Church is always facing these two situations, and because the Church is a company of people who belong to Jesus Christ, it does not pass by on the other side. As Christians, we cannot just accept God's love for ourselves, and do nothing in return. It is our duty to share by helping those whom we find in distress. It is our joy to minister,

year, Mrs. Maldonado will be Bayamon's representative in a state-wide contest for the "Mother of the Year" in all Puerto Rico.

Having lived in New York for a number of years, Mrs. Maldonado speaks fluent English. She was awarded a Puerto Rican government scholarship for special studies in English, which she completed at the University of Michigan in 1961. A leader for many years in women's work in Puerto Rico, Mrs. Maldonado is a past president of the state C.W.F. She was elected President of the world C.W.F. at the 1960 Assembly in Edinburgh.

Of the Maldonados' six children, only one daughter, also a teacher, is married. The oldest son is a student in the University of Puerto Rico Law School, where he is studying on a full scholarship won by his high academic record as a University undergraduate. A second daughter was graduated from the University this spring (1962), and will begin teaching in the autumn. The youngest girl and the youngest boy are both sophomores at the University of Puerto Rico. One Maldonado elected not to go to college. Josue Filipe aspires to a career in big-league baseball, and is now doing his "undergraduate work" with the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, team. So, three years from now, all six of the children will have completed their education and be launched on their careers. "Then," says Mr. Maldonado, who was very young when he married and now works as a salesman, "I am going to college."

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Young, of Melbourne, are planning to leave Mr. Young's Hospital Chaplaincy duties behind them for a few weeks while they visit Queensland. They expect to leave Melbourne on July 4, and to be away for the remainder of the month.

Catherine Marshall, author of *A Man Called Peter*, will be visiting Australia, July 31-August 7. In Melbourne she will address a public meeting in the Independent Church, Collins-st., on Friday, Aug. 3, and she will also speak at the P.S.A. from Wesley Church on Sun., Aug. 5. She will be accompanied by her husband, Dr. Leonard E. Le Sourd, who is Executive Editor of Norman Vincent Peale's inspirational magazine, *Guideposts*.

The Annual Seminar of our Vic-Tas. ministers began on Mon., July 2, lasting through to Thurs., July 5. Upwards of fifty men were booked to share in the study and fellowship of this period, held at "Clevedon," The Basin — a Methodist centre.

All churches using the suggested readings for 1962 are advised that the Old Testament reading for July 22 should be Ezekiel 3: 4-11, not Ezekiel 2, as printed.

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QUESTING

A. E. White.

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What is the difference between infant baptism and a parent dedication service?

Not all churches which practise infant baptism would use the same terms in describing its significance. The following statement would possibly be acceptable to most of them: Baptism is the means by which the grace of Christ is given to an infant, and through which that infant comes into the Church's fellowship.

This means that God does something for the baptised child that he does not do for all children; that only the baptised child is in a state of Christian grace. This gives a passive role to the infant candidate for baptism.

We hold that the New Testament teaches that God does do everything needed for our salvation, but that we still need to respond to him. Baptism is a part of our response. We would agree with Karl Barth that in the New Testament "one is not brought to baptism, one comes to baptism." Infant baptism is therefore unscriptural.

On the other hand it cannot be held to be against Scripture to give thanks to God for the gift of a child, and for the parents and the Church to pledge together that they will endeavor to help the child, by word and example, to grow into fellowship with Christ through faith and obedience. A parent dedication service does not confer a blessing upon the child. It binds parents and Church in shared concern for a child that is God's child also.

It is sometimes urged that the holding of parent dedication services is an act of disloyalty to those who found infant baptism contrary to God's will and left the churches which practised it. Surely this is nonsense! In holding a parent dedication service we are not countenancing infant baptism. The two services are so different in form and intention that there is not the slightest threat to our witness to the ordinance of baptism. Indeed, in speaking with parents about a dedication service, there is often provided an opportunity for effective teaching on Christian baptism. On one Sunday morning I conducted a parent dedication service for a husband and wife and their child. In the evening I baptised those same parents.

Next Week: The Bible — Which Version?

(Send Questions to the Editor.)

## Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., JUNE 24. — It was a pleasure to share the morning anniversary and Temple Day service with the vigorous, 37-year-old Ormond church. It is good to see this strategically placed church growing. At night I was able to sit in a Doncaster pew and listen to our assistant minister, Brian Ricketts, whose work and worth have won him a real place in people's hearts.

MON., JUNE 25. — Relaxing to-night, I was able to enjoy the T.V. presentation of *The Roaring Days*, a documentary-type portrayal of Victoria's gold-digging days, made curiously "alive" by the use of still drawings of the period. With my presidential journeys taking me to some of these areas in their modern setting, I felt this session was a "must" for my own education. It will add to the interest of my travels.

TUES., JUNE 26. — A "mixed bag" of study, visiting and a committee meeting tonight. Some important decisions had to be made at this meeting, and the spirit in which they were reached and expressed made the ninety minutes or so memorable in more ways than one. I must confess I don't always feel this way about committee meetings!

WED., JUNE 27. — I enjoyed sharing in tonight's dinner tendered to the visitors now in Melbourne for the seventh annual conference of Home Mission leaders in the various States. For two of the "founding fathers" of the Conference — B. J. Combridge and A. D. Pyne — it was the last such gathering; both expect to retire from this particular service within the next year. Speeches that were made left no doubt of the esteem in which both are deservedly held.

THURS., JUNE 28. — Writing for both the A.C. and our local weekly kept me busy day and night, plus chairing an important discussion early in the evening.

FRI., JUNE 29. — After a day at The Austral, finalising the A.C., I went to the Centre to join in a dinner which included representatives of the many District Conferences we have in Victoria. Later, I chaired a discussion, introduced by some keen District Conference men, on ways in which such Conferences might prove of greater value to the brotherhood.

SAT., JUNE 30. — I copied out Dr. Sangster's choice words commending his successor to his Westminster congregation: "Welcome him with honest love and open arms . . . Give a welcome to his wife . . . Love his children as you loved mine . . . Don't talk of me, but keep just a little corner of your prayers for us." Who could resist a spirit like that?



# HERE AND THERE

National Aborigines Day will be observed throughout Australia on Friday, July 13, 1962. The Vic.-Tas. Churches of Christ Aborigines Committee plans to share in this observance with a public meeting in the Lygon-st. chapel on that evening. The guest speaker will be Gordon Bryant, M.H.R., Vice-President of the Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement. The British and Foreign Bible Society will also share with the screening of the film, "Aboriginal Genesis." This meeting is the Committee's first venture in a public observance on the National Day.

Friends of H. R. Coventry (formerly of India) will be sorry to learn that he has been in Prince Henry Hospital, Melbourne for two weeks, following a stroke.

On June 24, the Dunolly (Vic.) church celebrated its 90th anniversary. R. V. Longthorp (Associate Director, Dept. Christian Education) was guest preacher. After the 11 a.m. service, over 130 attended the P.S.A., this being followed by a fellowship tea and the gospel service. Supported by members of the Bet Bet church and a great number of former members, the afternoon service was in all respects a happy event. Members of the Maryborough church choir and members of the B.S. choir, together with soloists Miss R. Scott (piano), Mr. Douglas (vocal) and A. Kennedy (vocal) added greatly to the occasion, which underlined the church's sense of belonging to a wider family in Christ.

There were excellent services at Taree, N.S.W., on Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, to mark the establishment of the work on the Manning River in June, 1863. The first part of the meeting on the Saturday evening (held in church building) was presided over by the church sec., A. W. Billingham, who extended a welcome to the many visitors, and brought greetings from those unable to be present. The minister of the church, V. T. Parker, brought a timely and appropriate message as the church entered into its 100th year of service. His theme for the evening was, *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*, setting out some future achievements to be attempted. The film screened was *Centerville Awakening*. At the close of the meeting the Ladies' Aid, with the help of the women of the congregation, provided a tasty supper. V. T. Parker brought the messages on both occasions on the Sunday, a record number breaking

bread for the day. At the close of the evening service, one responded to the invitation.

Sandra Kingwell, a member of the Girls' Life Brigade at Glenelg, S.A., has been awarded the Queen's Badge, the second only in Australia.

On the Wednesday following the opening of the new church halls at Subiaco, W.A., over 200 sat down for a banquet, catered for by the ladies of the church, ably assisted by helpers from other churches who waited on the tables. Following the tea the children were entertained by "Uncle Arthur," and the adult membership enjoyed a table programme which included colored glimpses of the old hall and progressive shots of the new buildings being erected. Cyril Flood was guest speaker, introducing the next phase of the year's programme, which is **Comprehensive Evangelism**. The work shows exhilarating progress.

It was an historic occasion for Maryborough (Qld.) on June 10, when the new cause at Hervey Bay was commenced. Twenty attended the first meeting in the C.W.A. Hall, Pialba, at 11 a.m. Services continue each Sunday, with D. G. Nelson speaking every alternate Lord's Day, Maryborough brethren sharing the other day. Don Stewart is in charge of presiding, speaking and transport. The move to this area 22 miles from Maryborough follows much thoughtful prayer and planning.

## New Organiser

W.A.

The Western Australian brotherhood is pleased to announce that K. J. Patterson, of Balaklava, S.A., has accepted an invitation to serve as State Organiser from 1963.

The rapid growth of the work in the Western State has brought an obvious need for full-time leadership after a period of 12 years that has brought much development. Recent census figures, for instance, indicate that whereas between 1954 and 1961 the population of the State increased by 16 per cent, those showing Churches of Christ affiliation increased by 32 per cent.

Growing churches, with fine buildings in new areas, emphasise the need. Mr. Patterson, as State Organiser, will have a seat on the Conference Executive, but will not be its Secretary. His time will be shared by the Home Mission Committee, of

which he will be Secretary, and the Christian Centre Board of Management, of which he will be a member. Home Mission duties, of course, are obvious, but so far as the Centre is concerned he will, along with planning to clear the outstanding debt, give a lead in promoting its use to the fullest advantage by the brotherhood.

Mr. Patterson shared in a Men's Camp early in the year, and was thus introduced to many church leaders. Churches, together with the Home Mission Committee and the Christian Centre Board, will share in the cost of the programme, which was unanimously endorsed by the recent Conference. We confidently look forward to a new era in the life of our Western churches.—A. D. Pyne, W.A. Conf. Sec.

## National Christian Youth Convention

JAN. 8-15, 1963, ADELAIDE.

Young people aged 15 years and upwards are being called to the first gathering of Christian youth of our churches across the continent.

Sponsored by the Federal Board of Christian Education, supported by a strong planning Committee in Adelaide, this promises to be a time of rich fellowship and inspiration. Churches are urged to encourage their young people to participate — some churches may be able to assist their delegates financially.

Speakers at the evening rallies include G. R. Stirling and L. E. Jones. Mr. Stirling will also address an open air P.S.A. in Elder Park on the Sunday afternoon. It is expected that Mr. Manikidza Nyoni, headmaster of the Dadaya school, Southern Rhodesia, now studying in New Zealand, will be present and will speak at an evening session.

David Hodges, minister of Scots church, Adelaide, has accepted the invitation to lead daily Bible studies. We hope also to have present Walter J. Lantz (U.S.A.).

The Adelaide youth choir will assist with special music, and M. A. Coombs, Director of Christian Television Association in South Australia, is in charge of a drama group.

Convention headquarters will be at Mile End chapel, and adjacent Thebarton Town Hall buildings, with Saturday evening meeting in Adelaide Town Hall. Several sight-seeing tours have been arranged.

Registration forms, giving full particulars, are available from State Departments of Christian Education (Youth Departments). Registrations are to be lodged with the Federal Board of Christian Education not later than Oct. 31, 1962.



## Visit of London General Secretary BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Australia is to have the privilege of a short visit from John T. Watson, B.A., General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London.

There is a sense in which almost any experience or qualification may contribute usefully to the sum of the parts which make an effective General Secretary, for the responsibilities of the task cover a wide range of matters on a world scale. Although the Society's staff at home and abroad can produce experts in the various technical problems to be met, it is obvious that first-hand knowledge of any of the countries, languages, people or problems to be dealt with, will give greater assurance and competence to those with whom so much final responsibility rests.



Such varied qualifications are found in generous measure in the new General Secretary. Ordained to the Methodist ministry and trained as a teacher, Mr. Watson served for some years on the staff of the Methodist Missionary Society in the former French West African territory of Dahomey. Subsequently he had experience of pastoral work in England, and was minister of Golders Green Methodist Church before joining the staff of the Bible Society in 1946 as a District Secretary. Mr. Watson's particular interest in educational work led to his early transfer to a post on the headquarters staff, with special responsibility for work in schools and colleges throughout the country. He became successively Asst. Home Secretary and Asst. General Secretary, thus gaining an ever-widening experience of Bible Society work in many aspects. In the past few years he

has travelled widely, acquiring a first-hand knowledge of our work in Europe, Africa and the Far East in particular.

At home, Mr. Watson is well known as a stirring and eloquent preacher and platform speaker, whose advocacy of the Bible Society cause is always a stimulating experience. Genial and informal when circumstances permit, he has nevertheless a capacity to meet great occasions with such dignity and authority as they demand.

Mr. Watson will be in Melbourne on Sunday, July 15. He will preach at the Ivanhoe Methodist Church at 11 a.m. (A.B.C. broadcast 3LO), Blackburn Church of Christ, 7 p.m., and will address a combined meeting in the Blackburn Presbyterian Church at 8.30 p.m.

## Shut-In Sunday

"I was sick and ye visited Me."

International Shut-In Sunday was observed by our Qld. churches with more enthusiasm than in previous years. Reports so far received show that 320 members participated and contacted 4,800 patients and residents in Hospitals and Institutions. The purpose of Shut-In Sunday is to remind the community of the many people who are "shut-in" from all outward fellowship, temporarily or permanently. Whilst many sick and disabled are well remembered, there are others who are rarely remembered because nobody really knows their plight.

To these, such an occasion as "Shut-In Sunday" is a red-letter day. The visitor, too, feels the satisfaction that comes when joy and goodwill are spread. It is a lovely service to those who cannot help themselves. Some churches, in addition to visiting the Hospitals and Institutions, featured Shut-In Sunday by bringing "shut-in" members and friends to church. Some entertained groups at lunch and motor drives; others arranged visits to members of local churches, who through illness or other reasons, were unable to join the normal church service. At Roma, the Hospital and Aged People's Home was visited by local young people and visitors from Brisbane as a session of the Half-Yearly Conference. The observance of Shut-In Sunday has been commended by doctors, Hospital authorities and preachers of our own churches. Camp Hill church, in addition to providing the normal parcels of biscuits, gave each patient a copy of the Gospel of John.

A patient in Princess Alexandra Hospital writes as follows—

"May I express my thanks to the young lass of the Churches of Christ Social Service Dept. for the gift of biscuits and greetings on Shut-In

Sunday. It is the first time in the whole of my life that I have found that any church does anything like this in a Christian spirit. May God bless you and all who are doing a wonderful work in making those in hospital a bit brighter during their hours of affliction." —S. Chalmers, Secretary, Qld. Social Service Committee.



THE CHRISTIAN ANSWER (George E. Sweazey). Bethany. 192 pp. Price, 37/3 (38/2 posted), Austral.

"A book destined for second-reading and mature, heart-shaking reflection," says the jacket summing-up of this book — and it is right. You won't always agree with this man's theology or point of view, but what he says will grip you and make you think. In fifteen chapters, he gets down to some of the real problems for which men seek *The Christian Answer*, concluding with practical advice on "What Shall I Do About It?" "Christ calls his followers to teach, to heal, to comfort, to build a better world," he writes. "Only by such exercise are we saved from becoming the flabby gluttons of God's grace."

That last phrase is a good example of his scintillating mastery of words. Here are some other gems: "God is too big to be a Big Shot . . . The little part of him we do know points towards ranges we can spend eternity exploring . . . Jesus may be for church members not the real Christ, but just a trade-mark for their institution . . . Even for devoted Christians he may become like a friend whom they prize highly, but never get around to seeing . . . Like a ship that unknowingly steams past a stricken liner because its radio is not turned on, we miss the things we should be doing because our hearts are not tuned into human need . . . We are incomplete apart from God; in prayer we close the circuit and become strong because we become whole."

If for no other reason, we would advise preachers to read this book to see how a master of the art can make his words sparkle. But this is much more than an example of vivid writing. There's a down-to-earth, probing quality about his thinking that can't be lightly dismissed, even when you disagree. This man really has something to say.





## Discipleship

Rowena and Lorraine Stocks, Brisbane, Qld.  
Miss N. Toohy, Burwood, N.S.W.  
R. Broadbent, Miss Joan Dalton, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.  
Mrs. Boreham, Harry Searle, Robinvale, Vic.  
Janice Arnott, Margaret Barnett, Barbara Stayner, Cheltenham, Vic.  
Mrs. J. Snow, R. Constable, Coburg, Vic.  
Julie Wilson, Marilyn and Pam McFarlane, Box Hill, Vic.  
Mrs. F. McKerchar, North Richmond, Vic.  
Mrs. Francis, Valerie and Murray Jaggard, Corin Royals, Kilburn, S.A.  
Carol McDonald, Leslie Standen, Alan and Ian Treloar, Robert Edmonds, Lesley McKenzie, Drumcondra - Norlane, Vic.  
Walter Wilson, Newmarket, Vic.  
Marlene O'Neill, Marlene Kelly, Gwenda Hochfield, Stawell, Vic.

## Membership

Mrs. T. Hodgetts, Port Fairy to Portland, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Lesley Thompson, to Beverly Hills, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Clow, Maryborough to Bundaberg, Qld.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Clow, Roma to Maryborough, Qld.  
J. Snow, East Preston to Coburg, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Jaggard, Heather McLaren, Joan and Norma Carter, to Kilburn, S.A.

## Marriage

Patsie Kop to Lew Vincent, Brisbane, Vic.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Avenell, Burwood, N.S.W.  
Miss E. Chandler, Cheltenham, Vic.  
Mr. Kestle, Box Hill, Vic.  
Mrs. J. H. Kennett, Kaniva, Vic.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Narembeen (J. Holliday). — Mid-week meetings held again, after postponement owing to seeding. C.E. held each Friday night, being held in Bruce Rock each alternate week. Morning meetings well attended; gospel services not as well attended. Minister took service at Bruce Rock, June 17.

## QUEENSLAND

Ann-st., Brisbane (L. G. Read). — Y.P. held weekend camp at Caloundra. During minister's absence at camp, addresses were given by H. J. Payne and W. McDowell. Visiting speakers have been R. Manning (Regions Beyond Missionary Union), K. Jones (College of the Bible) and R. S. A. McLean (Overseas Missions Fed. Sec.). Church rejoices at the progress made by L. Larsen in recovering from traffic accident some months ago. Two sisters recently made their confession of Christ.

Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay (D. G. Nelson). — Over 150 attended grand B.S. picnic at Pialba sports ground, June 16. Minister exchanged with Baptist minister, 17th. Meetings swelled by influx of visitors, June 3, from Ipswich, Bundaberg, and football team from Brisbane. Gospel service great fellowship and blessing, with over 100 present. This was monthly youth rally night. Service preceded by youth tea, with 70 present. Regular after gospel service fellowship continues successfully. Meetings have been in homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. A. Popp. One family lost by transfer, one family welcomed by transfer. Sis. Berlin in hospital.

West Moreton Circuit (R. Holt). — Boonah Y.P. visited Y.P. at Rosevale. Y.P. appreciated films given by R. Clark (Chinchilla) at Mt. Walker. All churches combined for visit of R. S. A. McLean (Overseas Missions Sec.). Ian Turnbull (Young Life Crusade for Japan) spoke and showed slides of Japan at Rosewood prayer meeting. Norm. Schealler confined to bed for past weeks. Ipswich Y.P. brought programme at combined youth meeting, Rosewood. Rosevale held 1st C.W.F. meeting; Mrs. Lyle Christensen, pres.; Mrs. L. Lobegieger, vice-pres.; Mrs. N. Letch, sec.; Mrs. M. Christensen, treas.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle). — At conclusion evening service, May 20, a young man made good confession, and on following Sunday he, and a young woman, were baptised. At C.M.S. meeting, Mr. Long (N.S.W. Water Board) gave illustrated talk on Sydney's water supply. Car trip, in aid of Building Fund, raised £7, while cake stall for same fund realised £18.

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.). — First week in June set aside as special week of prayer. Highlights were A.C.E. prayer session on the Wed. night, half-night of prayer in which continuous prayer sessions went from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Climax of week was on 10th, when a special Parents' and Friends' Night for B.S. was held in packed building. One girl confessed Christ. Preparation for this service had also included visit by teachers to every home from which scholars came. A.C.E. preparing a missionary project, designed to send needed items to Dr. John Stanhope (New Guinea). Gospel service on 24th broadcast over 2CH. L. F. Barker (Kingsford) a.m. speaker 17th. On the sick list: Mr. Turnbull, Mrs. H. Piper, Mrs. Budgen, Mrs. Gwynne. Church prays for comforting hand of God on relatives of late Mrs. Avenell. Numerous visitors attending services.

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — Minister unable to take services through illness. Appreciated messages have been given by Messrs. Hewitt, Thomas, Hill, Dallinger. C.W.F. held Tupperware evening, 21st, in aid of Manse Fund. Several members ill; Mrs. Walker has returned after surgery. Highlight for June was success of Y.P. in Scripture Union Quiz, held in Chapter House, 23rd. Four gained fourth place in the finals.

Epping (H. M. Long). — Over 30 men of C.M.S. attended fellowship tea, June 24, including brethren from Telopea. Tea well catered for by C.W.F.; speaker, Dr. John York. Gospel service led by C.M.S.; 10 men took part; Ken Oliver gave message. Church appreciated gifts of books for library from Mrs. Hodgson and late Miss D. Winks.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D.). — Morning service, June 17, televised on Channel 2. Good attend-



ance of members, and general presentation of service met with excellent reports. B.S. scholar baptised into Christ, p.m. Members sick include Mrs. G. Ellis and Mrs. Goedecke. W.M.B. held final effort for Overseas Missions with concert at which Norwood Band and choristers provided programme.

**Dulwich (S. Neighbour, B.A.).** — Minister has commenced special winter series of Sunday evening subjects. Mr. and Mrs. H. Grimm and family tendered farewell social on departure to Morphet Vale, with special thanks to Mr. Grimm for his major contribution in youth work over many years. As memorial to her husband, H. D. Black, four silver communion plates and four platform chairs were presented to church by Mrs. Black.

**Loxton (O. R. Clark).** — Monthly youth parades proving popular and well attended. Conf. Pres. (C. E. Curtis) spoke evening service, June 10 and at fellowship hour after service. Married lady and teenage daughter received into fellowship, 24th. Clothes made by Ladies' Guild for girl on Mission station, displayed in hall, 24th. C.Y.F. held spotlighting night at Paruna. Two table tennis teams doing well in Upper Murray Churches' Association.

**Kilburn (G. Rose, L.Th.).** — Church banquet held; E. Hollard speaker; project was outlined to raise funds to rebuild tennis courts. Since that time auxiliaries have been busy raising quotas, and various efforts have been interesting. C.W.F. conducted mock wedding; reception afterwards time of good fellowship, whole function being well attended. Basketball teams held mannequin parade; C.Y.F. sponsored film evening. Culminating point was on Temple Day, prior to church anniversary Sunday, when gifts totalled over £140. I. J. Chiyell was anniversary speaker. John Railstone (Albert Park) addressed church recently. Miss Dorothy Hackett convalescing on return from Melb. after recent serious illness. Mr. Royals has been ill. B.S. has entered Efficiency Campaign.

**Naracoorte.** — Since departure of M. Williams, helpful messages given by local brethren, including L. Davie, H. G. Collins, V. Hoskin, G. Jurgens, A. G. Dinning, W. H. Francis. Visiting speakers: R. L. Francis (Baptist), and R. Partington (Gideons International). Visiting speakers at C.W.F. have been Pres. Women's Conference (Mrs. A. R. Jones) and Mrs. S. Riches. C.Y.F. leaders elected David Penny asst. leader to H. G. Collins; Hayden Francis, sec.; Meredith Byrne, treas. Y.P. journeyed to Mt. Gambier, June 23, when Baptist C.E. there celebrated first anniversary.

## VICTORIA

**Kaniva (J. W. Way, B.Sc.).** — Church saddened at sudden passing of Mrs. J. H. Kennett, after surgery. Kinder hall nearing completion. Good attendances maintained at all services. C.M.S. sent £10 toward New Guinea Landrover appeal.

**North Richmond (R. E. Hillbrich).** — Church school anniversary successfully led by G. Bowman (Ivanhoe). During school holidays successful "Happy Hours" conducted by R. Hillbrich, B. Wells and B. Gaunson (C.O.B.). Church school gained 9 scholars. C. Smith (C.O.B.) welcomed back after period at Silvan church. Six former scholars of Church School attending special teaching preparation classes, led by R. Winstone (supt.). Ladies raised £22 at street stall. Proceeds from film night conducted by F. Richards went to Monbulk Camp appeal. J.C.E. organised hike, June 4. J. Armstrong missed from services as result of accident. Lady baptised and received into fellowship. Film nights conducted by J. Pope (East Kew) very much appreciated. Combined Sunday evening services with Burnley church very successful.

**Preston (G. W. Barnett).** — R. V. Longthorp (Asst. Dir., Dept. Christian Ed.) a.m. speaker, June 10. Film, *Teenage Loyalty*, screened p.m. All meetings well attended and splendid interest manifest. R. Geyer and Dr. Killmier speakers, 17th, both addresses on Overseas Missions being appreciated. Good congregation a.m., 24th, conducted by P.B.P. Club. Mrs. Barnett giving address. Conduct of service reflected great credit on club and created fine spiritual atmosphere. Monthly meeting C.M.S. enjoyed talk from W. Andrew, V.F.L. umpire.

**Belmont (M. D. Hamilton).** — Special church meeting agreed to purchase property next door. Drumcondra C.M.S. tea held at Belmont, May 27; speaker, L. Winkel, *From the Police to the Pulpit*. 22 Y.P. and 4 leaders went to Tangernong guest house for weekend house party. C.W.F. Ladies' Guild birthday, June 6; speaker, Mrs. Dabb (Karingal Retarded Centre). Literature Week well supported. C.W.E.F. had salmagundi night and each lady wore a "mad" hat. J. Smail speaker both services 17th, during minister's holidays.

**St. Kilda (I. Richer).** — New Youth Hall Fund commenced and £100 in hand, mainly proceeds from church fair. Girls' Club formed, meeting Monday nights; had barbecue tea at home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ripper. Young men formed two basketball teams. Youth Club steadily growing; highest attendance (17) at cabaret evening, June 15. Y.P. had good

weekend camp at Noojee, June 2-4. Plans being made for extension of B.S. work under leadership of supt. K. Gluyas (C.O.B.).

**Noble Park (W. P. Payne).** — During May members and friends enjoyed blessing in teaching mission led by W. Jackel, with C. Gadge, song leader, and R. Ratten, pianist. C.W.F. birthday meeting, May 31, with Mrs. F. Menzies (Freedom from Hunger Campaign) speaker. Missionary project arranged by B.S. creating much interest. Y.P. plan to support Indian orphan. 7 B.S. scholars welcomed into membership following baptisms.

**Parkdale (P. Perry).** — Young man baptised at gospel service, June 3, and received into fellowship, 17th. C.Y.F. combined with Y.P. from local Methodist church in inter-church rally, June 15, and after gospel service, 17th, enjoyed fellowship and sing-song in home of Mrs. Talent. C.W.E.F. held annual meeting in home of Mrs. A. Parkes. Mrs. Kirk re-elected pres., Mrs. Gwen Rhodes, vice-pres., Mrs. M. Box, sec., Mrs. Waldron, treas. Y.W.L. enjoyed having tea together on 10th. Newspapers collected and sold have brought in £64 towards New Chapel Fund.

**Maryborough (R. Pritchard).** — Y.W.F. celebrated sixth birthday. Baptism of 2 Y.P. witnessed p.m., June 10. Y.P. travelled to Castlemaine for quarterly meeting, 16th. Some travelled to Ballarat for camp reunion same night. V. Longthorp (Assoc. Director, Dept. Christian Ed.) and members of his team, Gwen Parry and R. Elliott, conducted services, 17th. Teachers' luncheon held, followed by youth meeting, tea and youth service. Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. Davenport in loss of brother. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Drake still unable to attend services.

**Essendon (V. Quayle).** — Av. attendances May: a.m., 101; p.m., 104; communicants, 94. Winter Loyalty Campaign launched, June 3. Officers' Board visited "shut-in" members, 5th. C.W.E.F. had birthday outing. Elderly Citizens' Fellowship celebrated 1st anniversary, 6th; John Hutton (99 yrs.) cut birthday cake. C.M.S. tea, 10th, with guest speaker, Randall White. Film, *Part Time Christian*, screened p.m. Young lady baptised. Youth Fellowship entertained by Officers' Board, 11th. Young Adult Fellowship commenced 12th. Preacher p.m. 17th, E. W. Heard, who also gave illustrated talk on work in India at after-church meeting.

**Glen Waverley (R. W. Marshall).** — 10 Protestant ministers from Waverley area exchanged pulpits Pentecost Sunday. Mr. Webster (Chadstone Methodist) addressed church. New record B.B., 107. Rejoicing in 4 confessions, including 3 adults. These



baptised June 17. Successful C.Y.F. camp, Belgrave Heights, June 2-4; 19 Y.P. and 5 leaders shared; weekly record attendance, 27. Eleanor Watson elected pres. Good Companions won several sections in Oakleigh zone final of Arts and Crafts Festival; also unbeaten in 3 basketball matches. C.W.E.F. cake stall proceeds (£14/8/-) for New Chapel Furnishing Fund. Mrs. F. Dunk progressing after surgery. Chadstone men conducted enjoyable C.M.S. meeting, June 7. Eight B.S. teachers to attend city instruction classes. D. Bienvenu appointed Primary supt. on resignation of F. Gillespie. Kinder hall drapes and class dividing curtains credit to teachers.

**Oakleigh (E. J. Miles).** — Y.P. joined with Carnegie and Ormond on trip to Mt. Macedon, June 4. Mrs. Strack (Supt. State Missionary Committee) guest speaker at missionary group meeting, 5th. Officers of church answered questions submitted by Y.P., June 12. C.W.E.F. held informative question and answer night, 14th, with minister. 40 Y.P. sat down to tea prepared by ladies, 17th; guest speaker, Ais Pormas (Indonesia). Well attended evening service, with speaker Mr. Pormas, followed by sing-song at home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore. Recent soloists Lillian Ho, Norma Pearse, L. Somers.

**Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry).** — On June 17, C.M.S. meeting had as speaker, organising sec, Father and Son Movement (D. Campbell). At evening service, three Y.P. were baptised; soloist, Miss D. Clark. Y.P.C.E., on 20th, had E. Heard give illustrated talk. On 21st, G.P. seniors visited Eastern Hill Fire Station. Juniors held gym. night. G.P.'s won 1st place in East Suburban Arts and Drama. Family camp held at Pt. Lonsdale, 22-24th; 92 people, with minister, enjoyed the fellowship. Study booklet, *The Unique Fellowship*. Guest speaker at C.W.A.F. on 26th was Mrs. Barton. Y.P.C.E. speaker on same night was Mr. Clinton.

**Coburg (F. Rees).** — Av. in June: 92 a.m.; 75 p.m.; communicants, 100. Three received into membership, 24th; two by baptism, one transfer. K. Forster appointed B.S. supt. C.Y.F. screened Martin Luther, 25th. A. D. Pyne, W.A., preached a.m., 24th. Plans and preparations for Stewardship and Planned Giving programme with H.M. Dept. in progress.

**Fawknor (G. E. Gayther).** — A.m. average, 30; p.m., 17; communicants, 26. Three special services have been held. Scouts and Guides attended special youth service, at which 73 were present. G. Grainger (Moreland) was speaker at church anniversary; A. Marsh and R. Lydiard, who helped in work of church and school previously, were readers.

**Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan).** — C.Y.F. entertained parents in cabaret style, with floor show, June 1. 28 men listened to talk by D. Chipp, M.H.R., 3rd. E. W. Heard, guest speaker at evening service, 200 present, followed by presentation of films to C.Y.F. on Mission work in India. Chelsea C.Y.F. were visitors. Church congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Langcake on celebration of golden wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Wendy Ferris on attaining A.Mus.A. in Music. Church saddened by passing of Miss E. Chandler. Visitation Evangelism conducted by members in preparation for fortnight of special meetings, *Our New Venture in Making Faith Real*. 100 homes contacted over 3 nights. A. Avery commenced ministry as visiting missionary a.m., 24th. Three decisions for Christ p.m.

**Malvern (G. J. Crossman).** — Av. for June: a.m., 71; p.m., 40. Working bee, June 23, greatly improved surroundings of buildings. E. W. Heard spoke to church and school, 24th. In evening, Miss B. Nash represented S.C.M., and Miss L. Somers was soloist. After-church meeting held, when Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Adam were farewelled. Various speakers expressed appreciation of services given to the church and auxiliaries, and gifts were presented.

**Portland (A. C. Male).** — Two buses took members to Mt. Gambier, June 4, for day of fellowship. Time was set apart for study and discussion. Young lady made decision, June 3. A. C. Male speaker a.m., at Port Fairy, 10th; other members assisted in the service; L. McKenzie spoke at Portland. Lad made his decision at evening service. Monthly Church Digest being printed as well as weekly paper. C.E. held "secret" night, 22nd, and attended C.E. rally at Warrnambool, 23rd. After-church singspiration and discussion held, 24th, with Salvation Army joining in. Lady welcomed by transfer.

**Robinvale.** — Mr. Baker back on visit at services and midweek meetings. C.E. enjoyed tennis and barbecue with Swan Hill C.E. C.W.F. elections are: C. Chislett, pres.; B. Smith, vice-pres.; J. Chirgwin, sec.; M. Rogerson, treas.; J. Knight and L. Lawrence, reception comm. Good Companions working earnestly and growing in attendance under leadership Sis. Knight. Fellowship and assistance of visiting brethren appreciated.

**Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson).** — B.S. well represented at youth march and public rally in Park. Temple Day offering has reached £246/15/- in aim of £250. Minister's social happy time of fellowship for all. Special feature was sponge making competition. Offering added £12 to Building Fund. Chapel was broken into and drawers ransacked, but nothing

stolen. Father and three sons made their confession of faith at gospel service, June 17, and were baptised into Christ, 24th.

**Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland).** — 25 C.E. members visited Robinvale, June 23. Tennis tournament held in afternoon, and Swan Hill Y.P. conducted evening programme. Film, *The Rich Fool*, screened at gospel service, 24th, before large congregation. Good Companions club enjoying good attendances. Briquette hot water service installed in manse and extended to serve chapel.

**Frankston (D. A. V. Thomas).** — At annual meeting of Frankston Inter-Church Council, F. Adams elected pres. for year. Church grateful to following brethren who assisted in services during minister's holidays — F. Adams, J. Dow, J. Mackenzie, R. Watt. Successful B.S. anniversary, June 10 and 17. On 10th, Kinder. display, led by Mrs. J. Bentley, supt. Special speakers, M. Keatch, J. Dow, D. A. V. Thomas; special singing under leadership of J. Mackenzie. New platform constructed for these services. Thanks to all who helped, particularly Keith Wells and J. Bentley. Boys working hard for Monbulk appeal; amount to date, £15. Profitable time held at home of Mrs. Ellis by ladies for Monbulk appeal.

**Hartwell (K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.E.).** — Cricket club held social evening, June 9; awards for last season made to senior and junior sides. Many members engaged in visitation during month. Recent visitors Mr. and Mrs. L. Piper (Sydney). Auxiliaries, in turn, holding church parades, and taking part in gospel services during winter months. Soloists, Miss S. Joyce, Mrs. Pearce; Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Blenkiron, duet on 24th. Sympathy of church expressed to Mrs. Baker, snr., and family in bereavement. "Orchestrelle" organ returned after overhaul giving good service.

**Ascot Vale - Newmarket (G. Moyes).** — During June special visitations to new housing settlement at Newmarket resulted in appreciable number of new scholars to B.S. Ascot Vale C.W.F. entertained 29 ladies from Mount Royal (some in wheeled chairs) to delightful entertainment, afternoon tea and evening meal. Newmarket B.S. anniversary held 10th; guest speakers, V. Quayle, Mr. Henley. Solos rendered by Lois Hine, Eric Hancock, John Goss; singing conducted by Mr. Ferguson. 70 Y.P. attended A.V. for combined youth gathering from various local churches, when entertainment, *Italian Serenade*, was much enjoyed. C.Y.F. made return visit to Box Hill, when enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Moncur much improved after illness. One young man welcomed to membership at Newmarket by faith and baptism.



**Drumcondra - Norlane (R. Banks).**

— Seven B.S. students baptised, June 17; building crowded. Loyalty Dinner, held at West Geelong Town Hall, attended by 154 adults, children being entertained at church hall by Latrobe-terr. members. Belmont ladies assisted at tea. W.M.B. attended afternoon at Belmont. The Planned Giving programme conducted successfully and church thanks all who participated in the effort. Combined meeting of all churches held June 20, when E. Heard screened films and gave talk on Indian Mission work.

**Doncaster (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).**

— Asst. minister, B. J. Ricketts, addressed most meetings in June while minister on Presidential visits. Morning meetings maintaining high attendance; two new pews in use. New communion trays donated to church by Mr. and Mrs. W. Waters. C.W.E.F. has begun monthly sewing nights. Girls' G.C. club tied for 2nd place in district play comps. C.Y.F. visited C.O.B., June 17. C.W.A.F. birthday meeting enjoyed Trees theme, 19th; Mrs. W. J. Thomson speaker. Congratulations sent to Mrs. A. W. Connor on 90th birthday.

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**EDWARDS.** — On June 24, 1962, at his home in Forest Hill, Vic., Arthur Thomas, eldest son of the late Thomas and Alice Edwards, dearly loved brother of Eva (dec.), Theo. (South Aust.), Hubert (dec.), brother-in-law of Elsie and Margaret (dec.), loved uncle of Shirley. "Our loved ones are gathering beyond the sunset."

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Homiletics III: G. Chapman, K. Jenner. Two others passed.

Church Administration: G. Hopson, K. Jenner, J. Main, R. Powell, J. Sedman, A. Smith, D. Surtees. Eleven others passed.

Research Essays: B. Benz, Miss D. Bussey, M. Campbell, D. Foletta, M. Hodgson, J. Main, R. Powell, B. Reid, D. Schofield, J. Sedman, A. Smith. Three others passed.

Exegesis: M. Campbell, G. Chapman, M. Hall, D. Schofield. Fifteen others passed.

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