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NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER
W. B. Burn.

EXCLUSIVE BRETHREN

activities have aroused the interest of the public generally over past months. The Minister of Justice ordered investigation by Police authorities in view of the suggested number of home "break ups" as a result of the influences of the sect.

CAMPERS OF 30 YEARS AGO

are contributing to a Fund which will bring Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hibburt, of Victoria, on a return visit to the Dominion early in 1963, for a holiday.

RECENT VISITOR

to these shores was George Mathieson, of South Australia, who contacted a number of friends and churches from Dunedin to Wanganui (where he once preached).

NEW LIFE CONVENTION

along the lines of a Spiritual Life Convention, was held at the Queen's Drive Church, June 2-4. Ray Blampied, of Nelson, led.

ROSS HEYWARD

conducted two inner-mission programmes at the Wellsford and Mairangi Bay churches recently, with promising results.

FOR THE PEOPLE NEXT DOOR

— the Inter-Church Christmas Bowl Appeal of the National Council for 1961, has £(N.Z.) 56,000 in hand. Target was £(N.Z.) 45,000. 75 per cent. of the congregations of member churches now share in the appeal.

CAPPED.

Mrs. E. I. Brash, wife of the General Secretary of the National Council, was recently capped B.A., whilst her

son, Donald, was capped M.A. at the same ceremony. Mrs. Brash majored in psychology and education, and hopes to complete an M.A. in education.

COURSES ON MENTAL HYGIENE

for ministers are being held throughout N.Z. First of these was in Canterbury, the next in Wellington, and Auckland is the third centre to have such a course arranged with full Departmental backing.



G. D. Munro, M.A., S.T.M., B.D.,
Principal, Glen Leith Bible College.

A RECORD NUMBER

of 659 women from most of the main denominations shared in the Annual Women's Inter-Church School in Auckland.

CHANGES OF MINISTRY

C. A. Brown has accepted a call to Linwood (Christchurch), and moves there early 1963, from Ponsonby-road. R. T. Findley concluded his ministry with Tevlot-st. (Invercargill) church during May, and has moved into the field of Probation service, but, will, we understand, continue to assist Glengarry church.

C.Y.R.I.L.,

short for Christian Youth Raises Its Levels, which last year raised £140 as its financial target for Hibburt Park, will go towards the work being done in the New Hebrides by four New Zealand Christian Youth Movement members: David and Anne Coulter, Heather Middlemiss and Jean Delaney. The possibility of a work camp and missionary education trip to the New Hebrides is being explored in conjunction with the Australian Christian Youth Fellowship.

A SECOND DOCTORS - CLERGY

Conference was held in Auckland, when all the Churches of the National Council and the Roman Catholic shared with members of the B.M.A. in a discussion on the resources which the clergy bring to their ministry to the sick, and the human aspect of medicine from a medical viewpoint. The Conference decided to proceed further with co-operative discussion and effort, both locally and regionally.

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World Convention Notes

Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur, of Glasgow, Scotland, visited the World Convention office in June. He has been on the faculty of Bethany College during the past year. They, together with their son, Jimmie, sailed from Montreal to Glasgow after visiting New York. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur will return to Bethany for another year this September.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Ogier, of New Zealand, will arrive in New York on July 22 on the S.S. Willem Ruys. He will attend the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and upon completion of his degree he expects to return to New Zealand for further services there on behalf of the Churches of Christ (Disciples).



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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of July 11, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Special Scoville Mission Issue.

Mission Concludes in Melb.—With
42 confessions on the closing night,
the number of decisions will now be
fully 1,200. The offering at the
thanksgiving meeting in the Hippo-
drome will amount to over £400. Many
things combined to make this the
greatest of our missions — the en-
thusiasm and liberality of the broth-
erhood, the splendid quality of the
missioners, the great singing, and the
suitability of the Hippodrome for great
services.

Visits to Factories — A series of
meetings of which the general public
of Melbourne knew but little, but in
which great interest was manifested,
was the visitation of factories and
shops in the luncheon hour. In all,
there were 11 visits, arranged by H.
Kingsbury, convener of the factory
meetings. Bro. Scoville and the com-
pany captivated every audience . . .
When working men are moved to
tears, and when 2,000 men will stand
together in prayer under God's sky
with uncovered head, not heeding the
rain pouring down, it showed the
power of the message . . . Four suc-
cessful visits were paid to the New-
port Railway Workshops.

The Mission Choir. — C. E. Marty,
musical director, wrote of the choir of
nearly 800, trained by Nat Haddow,
assisted by C. H. Mitchell and W. H.
Allen: "Singing! I have never heard
anything like it in any single church
mission in my life. True, it was the
largest organised choir the Disciples
have ever had in a mission, and I
believe larger than any single denom-
ination has ever had. But they were
Australian singers, and that makes all
the difference in the world!"

News Brevities. — A. E. Illingworth
began his ministry at Enmore, N.S.W.,
at a fine morning meeting, when the
right hand of fellowship was extended
to the new evangelist, his wife and
two sons, and two others . . . The
South Australian choir that recently
visited the Federal Conference in Mel-
bourne, gave a concert on Wed. even-
ing in the Church of Christ, Hind-
marsh, under the direction of O. H.
Finlayson. Proceeds were to go to-
wards the initial expenses of the Mel-
bourne trip . . . Members in Sydney
and suburbs are reminded of T.
Hagger's farewell meeting in the City
Temple on Tues., 23rd inst. Speakers,
T. Hagger, late State Evangelist of
New South Wales, and T. Bagley, late
State Evangelist of Victoria. Songs
of the late Scoville mission will be
sung. These are all "late" items, but
the meeting will start and finish on
time, and will be right up to date, so
attend early and secure a seat.

"LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD!"

Last week we tried to sketch the growth of our Australian brotherhood, showing how churches have, in some measure at least, graduated from a crippling preoccupation with their own affairs, learning how to co-operate, not only at the State, but at the national level — and beyond that. It is no accident that the front page of this issue carries news of New Zealand churches and World Convention affairs, and that similar space is frequently given to matters of inter-church concern. We believe that limited horizons, on whatever level they are encountered in church affairs, are a disgraceful denial of the spirit of the One who never lost sight of the "other sheep", the whole of the world he loved.

The Early Church was quickly in danger from men of limited vision. All too soon men forgot how the Holy Spirit drove them out from the confines of a room to a street crowded with "devout men, out of every nation under heaven" (v. 5). Soon they were talking as though one nation could confine for itself this mighty power let loose in them. It even took persecution to dislodge them from Jerusalem; almost certainly, there were many to argue how important it was to build up the home base before taking seriously the Master's command, "Go ye into all the world!" It took a house-top vision to enlarge Peter's horizons; it took a face-to-face encounter with a determined Paul to stop him from going back on that vision. The numbers of the little-minded legalists grew, harassing at almost every step the gallant missionary who could not be confined to Judea or even Syria, but went adventuring on through Asia Minor and even Europe, following the light that came to him. His letters show how, while he trudged over strange country, or paced the futile few steps that a prison cell allowed him, his own spiritual horizons were ever-widening. What joy it must have given Paul when he could go back to Jerusalem bearing gifts for brethren in distress, sent by the very converts from whom the legalists would have debarred him. Those gifts were proof of a great new reality, a Spirit-created fellowship which could not be destroyed by men of limited spirit, any more than by those with unlimited arms.

But make no mistake about it — the real danger to that early Church was not in those who "went everywhere, preaching the word", often in unauthorised ways, nor in men like the Apostle Paul, with their daring and sometimes unorthodox acts. It lay in those orthodox men of limited vision who, if they had had their way, would have kept Christianity within the safe confines of a sect of Judaism, doomed to die out in little more than a generation. Had they won Peter

to their side — and they came perilously close to doing it — that great apostle could never have written that warm and moving phrase, "Love the brotherhood." By the time those words were penned, he, too, had seen the Church at work in other lands; he had widened his own missionary labors; he was sharing in a love that had smashed the mastery of old prejudices. It was only in the power of such a love of the brotherhood that he saw the Church's hope for the future.

We in Churches of Christ have tended to "corner" this word "brotherhood" and use it, more often than not, about our own people. But it is too great a word to be limited in that way, however precious its meaning in our own history. It is a word for the whole Church; Peter is urging a genuine love for *all who are in Christ*. "Our brethren in all the churches" is one of the phrases of our own Restoration Movement pioneer, Thomas Campbell. This Movement has been at its best when it has shown this kind of genuine love to fellow-Christians; it has been at its worst when it has allowed self-righteous intolerance to sway its attitudes.

But it is true that the measure of the love we have for the Church as a whole is seen in our attitude to the church where we are. Have we a genuine love for our local congregation, including those whose viewpoints differ from ours? Is there the same quality of love in our relationships with others in our church family — in the State, the nation, the world? Such a love of the brotherhood is costly and demanding.

For one thing, it demands the patience of *understanding*; it is much easier to condemn. It demands also a readiness to *trust* brethren in Christ with whom we disagree; it is much easier to adopt the "we-they" technique that raises barriers and sows division. It calls for *humility*, and the honest admission that others could be right; it is easier to see ourselves as "defenders of the faith", with the right to demand that others "sign on the dotted line." It involves *encouragement*, when it would be easier to confine ourselves to destructive criticism.

All that is but the beginning of what loving the brotherhood demands. As for the ending, remember the Apostle Paul's words, "Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it." *He gave himself for it!* If that be the measure of true love of the brotherhood, then how far short we fall of it! How long is it since we gave ourselves to bridging a gulf, restoring a fellowship, encouraging, rather than shackling, a free mind and spirit? If our love and loyalty to Christ are genuine, there must be no restrictions about the way we "love the brotherhood!"

GWENDA STEWARD (S.A.) presents the fifth article in her series on . . .

The Impossible is Not too Hard for God

Are you so busy rushing to meetings and social activities that you lose sight of the needy, hungry, sin-sick souls about you? Someone has said, "Beware of the barrenness of a busy life and the curse of inconsequential living."

I know of a husband and wife who trusted God to give them opportunity to witness to people. They set themselves aside to teach the Scriptures to all whom the Lord would send them. Now their home and office are constantly open to people saying, "Help me." The opportunities are almost more than they can cope with. There is no social enticement, yet God sends them folk of all ages. God has answered their prayers abundantly above what they asked or thought, simply because he had the power to answer when they had the faith to ask.

Recently I addressed the Mothers' Club at a local school. The Headmistress made an unusual request. "Please give a spiritual talk on missionary work," and I did. Added to my preparation I prayed, "Lord, this is a most unusual request. Will you reach some person today?" Immediately I finished my talk, which was accompanied by the gurglings, crying and chattering of many small children, a woman came up to me. She was agitated: "I'm all mixed up about religion. Can you come to my home and show me the right way?" And, with praises to God for reaching this woman, I did. Great was her peace of mind and heart when she put her trust in Jesus Christ. "The excellency of the power is of God and not of us."

I longed to visit the home of a woman whom I had met only once. Because of school holidays I was unable to do so. One morning I returned home from the shop, intending to go immediately to a prayer group. Just as I entered the gate this particular woman walked along. She had never come that way before, nor did she know where I lived, but felt she should take a stroll that morning. I believe God directed her. We coffee-ed together, and she willingly came along to the prayer group with me. She came the following week. "You women have a peace that I do not possess," she said, and again a troubled soul heard of Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace.

One of the most comforting verses in Scripture is this: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." One morning I entered

the classroom for a religious instruction lesson. It was during the season of the Adelaide Festival of Arts, and a third of the class had gone to a lecture by a noted explorer. Immediately I walked in I realised that the lesson I had prepared (the continuation of a series of God's plan through the Bible) would have to wait till the following week. Therefore I was totally unprepared for a different lesson. Again an unspoken prayer: "God, please help me." As I put my Bible on the table and greeted the class, one girl stood and asked, "Mrs. Steward, would you tell us which is the most important of the Ten Commandments?" Then followed, extempore, with the conscious help of God, one of the easiest flowing lessons I have had. Why? Because I was "forced" to trust God for the lesson and the outcome. He didn't let me down. "My sufficiency was of God." "Those who trust him wholly find him wholly true." It pleased the Father to put me in a position where I had to trust him wholly, and I re-discovered that he is wholly true. Truly, he can do the impossible.

Whilst shopping I met a woman whom I had not seen for a long time. I quietly asked God to show me his cue. He did! Before long she confided her difficulties and troubles, and she heard of the burden-bearer, the Lord Jesus Christ. How could I have spoken with confidence to this woman if I had not experienced the grace of God in my own perplexities? I know he led me to that woman that day.

A Javanese man came to my husband's hospital with great reluctance. His home was in a distant jungle-locked village. He had never seen a doctor, nor even a white man. Desperately ill, he was encouraged to come to hospital lest he die. After treatment he recovered. "What can I do to repay you?" asked the grateful patient. "Go home to your village, and tell all your friends that we help people in this hospital," said the doctor. The result was that the people of that village were willing to come to the doctor. The testimony of one brought others.

"Go and tell what great things the Lord has done for you." This challenge comes from our Lord as we meet people from day to day. If there has been no change in your life, and you have not learned to trust God from day to day, you will have absolutely no testimony to give.

But, if, out of your "inmost being flow rivers of living water," the life of the Lord Jesus Christ himself, then you will overflow to others, and you will have something to say to those whom you meet.

Recently, we inadvertently booked two services at the same time for an Indonesian pastor who was staying with us. We realised the mistake, and asked God's help. The one person suitable as a substitute was difficult to contact, yet God can answer prayer, do the impossible, and is utterly faithful. You shouldn't be surprised to know that, when the 'phone rang a little later, there was the very man about whom we had been praying. When faced with our dilemma he willingly consented to take a service. Even in our mistakes God works out his purposes. "Be not dismayed, God will take care of you."

During a recent teaching mission in a country town, my husband and I had the privilege of visiting the local High School, where we spoke to the senior classes on Indonesia. As we entered the classroom a teacher passed. He stopped as he heard mention of Java, and when he learned we had slides he offered to project them. During the lesson we also told of God's goodness to us in Indonesia.

At the recess break we enjoyed a cup of tea with the staff, and immediately this particular teacher came to us. He was obviously concerned, so he was invited for a chat. We sat in the pastor's car, and for an hour talked of the need of salvation through Christ, and a personal relationship with him as Lord and Master. He reiterated, "I knew nothing of your coming, but just happened to hear someone say 'Java' as I walked by that classroom." He came to an evening meeting, and spent some time with the pastor later. God is speaking to this teacher, one of the "impossibilities" that turned into possibility, simply because God is in control. When we expect to see our Lord demonstrate his mighty power, then we certainly shall see him do the impossible. It is in our own insufficiency and weakness that he is able to "show himself strong on the behalf of those who trust him."

If you have found yourself caught up in the busy-ness of a life that is getting nowhere for God, then stop and consider. Let go those things that are sapping your physical strength.

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Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Have We Finished the Task?

Fred Reynolds, New Hebrides.

We moved into the old church building and took our seats. The organ was playing, the people reverent, and we were conscious of the Lord's presence. The service, though, was in French. What did that mean to us who, for the past four months, have been trying to glean something of the French language, but had never studied a word of French before that? French was a foreign language to us. We could never think in it and could certainly never be at home in it. We enjoyed singing the hymns, as the tunes were familiar and we could read the words. At prayer times we spoke silently to the Lord ourselves, not being able to enter in to the spoken prayer. The Scripture readings could be followed, but the meaning of the passage escaped us. Through

sical and spiritual strength, and ask God to fill you with his Holy Spirit. Trust God to lead you. When this happens you can ask and expect to see God lead you to people who are waiting for someone to tell them of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Have you ever seen a hungry man refuse good food?

One of the most amazing stories of God's power to do the impossible comes from Ecuador. Betty Elliott, widow of Jim, martyred by the Auca Indians five years ago, with small daughter Valerie, and Rachel Saint, sister of Nate Saint, martyred pilot, have lived for several years amongst the Auca Indians (read *The Dayuma Story*, by Ethel Wallis) where they are reducing the language to writing. (One day there will actually be Scriptures in the Auca language). Betty Elliott tells of the conversion and recent baptism of nine Auca Indians. Four of these converts were the actual murderers of the five martyred men on the Curaray River in Auca territory. Surely this "impossible" possibility must stimulate your faith, when you realise Betty Elliott lived among her husband's murderers, and there trusted God.

When we read of the faith and perfect trust of these two women, dare we do less than trust God and expect him to do the impossible?

the sermon we picked up fragments of what was being said, but really did not get the preacher's message. We left the meeting, realising that the Lord was present, but that we had failed to receive the word that had been prepared for the people.

Do you realise that this is the experience of thousands of believers every Lord's Day on Mission fields all over the world? The missionary ministers the word — but not in the language the people can understand and appreciate — not in the way the Lord can readily speak to their hearts. He speaks to them in a foreign language — English — or maybe the trade language, which, although adequate for selling his goods to the trader, is hopelessly inadequate when it comes to abstract things — particularly eternal things.

The well educated and intelligent 10 per cent clearly understand the word ministered. The 20 per cent of "above average" folk get the gist of the message — the remainder pick up a fragment here and there. The Bible is read — but not understood. The hymns are sung heartily — but their message bypasses the folk singing them.

Is this the reason spiritual growth is often so slow, and sin and the things of the world so hard to resist? Yielding to temptation so common? The Church so far from being indigenous?

What a difference it was to us to meet at intervals with believers who spoke our language! How close the Lord was to us! How he spoke to us through his Word as we read it in our own tongue, and therefore understood it! How the message of the hymns touched our heart! Such a meeting as this is surely what the Lord has in mind for all his people in order that they be built up in the things of God — grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord — become steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in his work.

And why is such a ministry denied believers in so many places throughout the world? Because of lack of vision? Not until the last 15 years have missionaries and Home Boards alike really caught the vision of giving the people a ministry and a Bible in their own tongue — a word that can be understood as well as heard — a Bible that contains words, every one of which has real meaning. Missionaries of denominations, as well

as of the independent Missionary Societies, are realising the value of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, where, each summer, together with new candidates, they are learning the art (and discipline) of mastering the unwritten language. Many Missionary Societies are making the completion of the course a necessary prerequisite to proceeding to the field.

Again we ask, "Why is such a ministry denied so many believers throughout the world?" Because of lack of missionary personnel? Missionaries on so many fields have so many pressing and urgent tasks hemming them in on every side that they just cannot find sufficient time for language study. Thus the breaking of the language barrier takes so long that the missionary gets discouraged, and fails to achieve his aim of ministering to the people in their language; besides, English or the trade language is so much easier. Thus the missionary ministers faithfully, but when he leaves the field, though the task of establishing an indigenous Church has progressed, the ultimate is still much further off than he had hoped.

Where are the folk who are sufficiently intelligent in mind to grapple with the difficulties of grammar and syntax; who have lives that can be disciplined to regular and systematic work on a language; who dearly love the Lord Jesus and have a burden, as he has, to see every kindred, tribe and tongue evangelised; that are prepared to postpone marriage, if need be, in order to be able to live in an uncivilised spot among the people, learning of them and their language, and seeking to introduce them to the Saviour and give them his Word?

"How shall they hear without a preacher, how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10: 14, 15).

Can we ask the question: "Who are you sending?" Oswald Smith, the missionary statesman of the century, says, "You must go yourself or send a substitute." Many of us could have a substitute on the Mission field doing the work which we, through circumstances that now surround us, cannot do. Have we sent this worker forward — or have we bought a new car — or changed the furniture, maybe? Do we know what it is to give until it hurts, and then keep on giving until it becomes a joy? Let us to the task — the most important task in the world. Sixty per cent of the world's population have never heard the name of Jesus. Let us get into God's programme of worldwide evangelism.

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The churches at Brougham-st. and Mt. Clear, Ballarat, Vic., have been able to commence evening gospel services, following the appointment of Graham Jackel as part-time minister to those churches.

R. V. HOLMES (Mt. Gambier, S.A.) discusses the . . .

— "Product to Be Advertised" —

Some years ago it was my privilege to sign a contract with a commercial radio station for a weekly session sponsored by our churches in that area. The contract form was the same as that used in general commercial arrangements, with spaces for "Name of Sponsor," "Time Allotted," and such like. One space was marked, "Product to be Advertised" and the station manager had filled in the word — "CHRISTIANITY."

In other contract forms the word would have been Paint or Soap or Razor Blades, but in this it was Christianity!

Now it could be that some would shudder at the thought of placing the gospel alongside soap as a product to be advertised. I have read statements from Christian leaders deploring the idea of the Church descending to the level of advertising on theatre screens. But when we turn to the New Testament Scriptures, asking what is the chief task of the church, we find an answer which reads suspiciously like — "Advertise the gospel!"

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is the Lord's command to his Church. The word behind "preach" means to "announce" or "proclaim" to the non-Christian world.

When a motor car manufacturer wishes to "announce" that he has produced a new model, how does he do it? He "proclaims" it to the world with full-page newspaper advertisements, radio and T.V. flashes, attractive literature and the biggest street hoardings he can erect. He does not do it by going every week to a building in a back street and talking about it to a small group of people who know about it, anyway! If that was all he did he would soon be out of business.

If it is true that the chief business of the church is to announce to the world the message of Christ and his way of salvation, then the Church is in the advertising business, whether it likes it or not. The question then becomes one of the effectiveness of our advertising methods. In New Testament days the usual, and most

effective, method of advertising was telling your story by word of mouth in the market place. This is what the merchant did, and the Church followed his example.

Why shouldn't we follow his example today?

The obvious answer to the above question is that we would, if we had as much money to spend as the merchant. But the merchant only spends money on advertising because it pays. If it pays in commerce, why should it not pay for the Church? After all, we spend a good deal of money on preaching the gospel, whatever way we do it. Church budgets these days deal in thousands rather than hundreds.

In a recent editorial, C. G. Taylor pointed out what was done by William Gowland with a congregation which found it paid to advertise. Perhaps it is time that, at both the brotherhood and local levels, we began to consider our stewardship in relation to our primary task — announcing the gospel.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



Reflections

Today has been specially hectic! My head is throbbing. The boys are nagging at each other. Bang! They've just raced outside. They should be doing their homework. My mother-in-law is coming to stay tomorrow — that won't be easy. The children think she interferes, but it's only that she's tremendously interested in everything. I hope I don't say the wrong thing. Several bills came in the mail — bills and more bills, and my husband does need a new coat. And what will we do with Susan? — she hasn't a clue as to what she wants to do when she leaves school. It would be nice sometimes to have a blinding flash of guiding light. And I'm sure the sink is blocked — that's another job. I hadn't realised how awful it was to live with an aching head — other folk have far worse things than heads.

I prayed this morning, "Help me to see thy will in everything, and to

receive it not with sighing, but with singing." A missionary friend sent these lines. They are based on a quotation from Bishop Moule. "How easily I forget, and yet, I do want to get there, and God himself places longings for holiness and desires for himself within me. God's will is that I should be holy. When I came to him, he began the work of transforming me into the likeness of his Son. He wants me to prove that his plan for me is good, and it is good. He is love, and all that he allows in my life is done in love. He is using those things — the petty frustrations, the problems, the difficulties, somehow to chip off my edges and transform me. And I guess they'll continue to go on till this bit is accomplished, and then there will be something else. He wants me to see these things as instruments in his Hand, which will cause me to fly to him for help, to trust him more — to realise how utterly useless I am myself to cope.

It is not a matter of resignation but of acceptance — of recognising all that happens as his will for me today. My times are in his Hand, and it is just for me to be at his disposal.

Interruptions, after all, are just part of his plan, and more important than I had thought.

I read somewhere that someone who was easily irritated found that it helped to claim patience from the God of all patience at such times. God is all-sufficient. His are all the qualities I lack. I am so unloving — he is love itself. I am so critical of others — his understanding and compassion are infinite. I was so cross with the children this morning — "Oh, Lord, set a watch before my mouth, keep the door of my lips."

The place I really want to get to is to the "Not with sighing but with singing" stage — to do as Paul did, really to triumph in Christ — to have the spiritual overcoming that is greater than the acceptance of trial or endurance of pain. This isn't just fantasy. It is true, so very true, that the power that raised the Lord Jesus from the dead is available for me. Way's translation of Phil. 2: 13 says, "You have not to do it in your own unaided strength — it is God who is all the while supplying the impulse, giving the power to resolve, the strength to perform the execution of

his good pleasure." His power is available to help me to live tomorrow so that my mother-in-law will be really glad she came. Available so that I refuse to let troubling thoughts about Susan's career fret me. The Lord loves Susan far more than I do. How lovingly and patiently he has dealt with me over the years! How great his goodness has been! I'll trust him for all that's to come, for Susan and all of us.



TEENAGE RELIGION (Harold Loukes)

— S.C.M. Press. Available Austral.

Have you ever wanted to know how a modern youth thinks about religion? Teenage Religion will satisfy this desire because it reports with force on an enquiry conducted in modern secondary schools in England. Here are no dull statistics telling how few people believe in God, but actual statements revealing how young people think about religion today. At all points the book is relevant to Australian conditions.

It commences with pages of tape recordings of young people discussing religion. These are a vivid and first-hand account of the confusions with which they struggle, and the convictions which they have arrived at. For fifty more pages the pupils themselves comment on the religious topics discussed. These are the Bible, Creation, Church-going, Jesus Christ, God, Sacrifice, Goodness, Heaven, Suffering, Prayer and Christian Education. Finally, there are substantial chapters which analyse the adult's task in making the Christian faith relevant to boys and girls.

This book is written for parents, youth leaders and ministers, as well as teachers. The realism which pervades it will assist any adult sincerely attempting to understand how teenagers think and to stand alongside them when they ask for guidance in their thinking.

Most readers will find that the value of the early sections which reveal teenage thought is matched by the suggested ways to discuss religion with them. Comprehensive approaches to discussion are given on the topics listed above.

Failure to read this book by anyone nurturing the faith of teenagers is to be regretted.—D. W. Hibburt.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Our pulpit Bible needs replacing. Some want to dispense with the King James Version; others feel strongly that it ought to be retained. What do you think?

The King James Version (I prefer to call it the "1611 version") has had a value for the Church that is immeasurable. To say that it needs replacing (and I do) is not to fail to recognise the way God has used it. When the 1611 version was produced it had to fight for 50 years before it gained general recognition. But it did win its place eventually, because the vehicles it replaced were no longer adequate. For exactly this reason, the 1611 version itself needs replacing.

The 1611 version is defective for our day because (a) in some cases there are earlier or better basic texts than were available in 1611; (b) many words have changed their meaning in 350 years; (c) there have been great advances in scholarship, leading to greater understanding of the early manuscripts; (d) outdated words and expressions of the 17th Century form a real barrier.

There is no virtue in reading a book, even the Bible, if you do not understand it. It therefore becomes necessary to do for the 20th Century what was done for the 17th. That is, to give the people a Bible they can read and understand without difficulty.

There have been many attempts to do this, especially with the New Testament. Weymouth, Moffatt, Goodspeed, and Phillips have all had a strong following. None of them, even when the O.T. was also available, seriously threatened the place the 1611 version had in the church worship service.

With the Revised Standard Version, however, a Bible was given to the churches which did offer many advantages. It corrected mistranslations and made alterations where words had changed their meaning, but, where possible, it retained the beautiful and familiar language of the 1611 version. This makes it a revision rather than a new translation, but I think it is the best there is.

Some of our churches use the R.S.V. as a pulpit Bible, give it to new disciples, recommend it in the Bible School, and encourage members to use it at church. There are extremely good editions available for pulpit use.

You may ask, "What about the New English Bible?" (see next week).

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., JULY 1. — After last week's intense preoccupation with Conference affairs, it was good to be back in my own pulpit this morning, and to spend some time this afternoon with our Services and Evangelism Committee, discussing the local situation.

MON., JULY 2. — This afternoon I headed for "Clevedon," the Methodist Centre at The Basin, ready for the start of our annual Ministers' Seminar. It didn't take the Ministers' Association executive long to decide that the best way to honor the Conference President's presence was to roster him for table duty immediately — with themselves! The Seminar got away to an excellent beginning with the night's programme, E. A. Allsop (Camberwell elder) saying many fine things in his Constructive Look at the Ministry.

TUES., JULY 3. — As about forty of us gathered for devotions together at 7.35 a.m., we sat looking out through large windows at the beauty of the hills beyond — a perfect setting for recalling the Psalmist's words, "I will lift up my eyes." H. J. Patterson, as Seminar Chaplain, helped us to do just that. Following a Bible study and lecture period this morning, we visited the re-building at Monbulk Camp site, and were invited into the supervisor's new home for afternoon tea — after we had carefully removed our muddy shoes, amid much merriment! Back at The Basin tonight, Stanton Wilson helped us all with a provocative, and often amusing, discussion on Ministerial Discipline.

WED., JULY 4. — Independence Day, but not for me! I had to leave camp this afternoon to get some A.C. work done at The Austral. But I was back tonight to hear Harold Gross give us a first-hand report on the New Zealand scene.

THURS., JULY 5. — After Mr. Patterson's helpful morning devotional on the words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," it was easier to go from camp this morning to represent our State churches at the funeral of Mrs. R. J. Sandells, missionary to New Hebrides with her husband, 1930-36. After that, it was back to the disciplines of the study at home, to write an editorial and prepare the local weekly.

FRI., JULY 6. — It was worth today's hard work on the A.C. to have the joy of a free night home.

SAT., JULY 7. — I know at least one of my minister-friends who will be glad to learn that I mowed my lawn and washed my car today — thinking as I did so of the words with which he closed his lecture the other night, "Ours is an office of transcendent opportunity and fearful responsibility."

HERE AND THERE

From a number of sources we gather that A. E. White's column, "Questing," is appreciated by readers. But both the Editor and Mr. White would like to see letters submitted for the "Open Forum" in discussion of some of the provocative issues raised in this column, and we urge readers to use this opportunity for a helpful correspondence. Letters should be confined to 300 words, and be addressed to the Editor, who would also be happy to pass on any suggested questions for future discussion. In next week's issue, Mr. White continues the discussion introduced on p. 423: "The Bible — Which Version?"

Church services will soon be transmitted directly by telephone to hospitals and homes for the aged in Sweden. The government has given the Board of Telecommunication permission to provide lines which will be linked up to microphones in the churches.—E.P.S., Geneva.

Mrs. R. J. Sandells, who, with her husband, served Australian Churches of Christ on the New Hebrides Mission, 1930-36, passed away on July 3 in Prince Henry's Hospital, Melb., following prolonged illness and gradual weakening. L. E. Dewberry (Box Hill minister) and W. A. Wigney (immediate past minister) combined in the service at the chapel on the 5th, with C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Pres.) representing the churches in a brief brotherhood tribute. Commissioner George Sandells (brother-in-law) conducted the service at Springvale Crematorium. We extend Christian sympathy to Mr. Sandells, his daughter (Mrs. K. Crouch) and son, Max.

Records were broken at the two Missionary Demonstrations conducted by the Vic.-Tas. C.E. Committee, June 30 and July 1, at Lygon-st., Melb. The Tung Operating Theatre Appeal for £200 was exceeded by £50, when £250 was handed to Overseas Missions. Total attendance at the two meetings was in excess of 450, with at least 250 in attendance on Sat. evening and over 200 (mainly Juniors) on the Sunday afternoon. Other highlights of the Saturday demonstration were the timely message of E. W. Heard, the delightful singing of Aboriginal Paul Dodd (ably assisted by Doug. Nicholls, M.B.E.), the harmony of the C.E. Quartet, whilst the telephone conversations, Information India and New Hebrides, were most informative. The Committee was deeply appreciative of the help given by West Preston Society (verse speaking choir) and Bentleigh Endeavorers for the

mimed play. The wonderful response of the Juniors and the entertaining and challenging message given by Mr. Finger (South Sea Islands Missions) were the features of the Sunday afternoon meeting. Box Hill Juniors thrilled all with the presentation of a play, and Ormond Juniors added much color with the Pageant of Costumes. The offering totalled £30 in all for the two meetings, which is also a record.—L. Stewart, Sec.

Missionary interest of the church at Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic., was quickened even further with the recent welcome home given to Sister Janet Hunting (on her first furlough from New Guinea), and after-church fellowship shared with Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams (missionaries-elect to India). J. A. Wilkie presided over the welcome tendered to Sister Hunting on Fri., June 22, when 160 were present, including representatives from other Ballarat Churches of Christ. On the following Sunday, at a special B.S. service, Miss Hunting showed the children slides of the work in New Guinea.

American Bible Society circulation of Scriptures reached the highest point in the organisation's 146-year history in 1961 with the distribution of 24,183,024 Bibles, Testaments, portions, and selections in over 100 countries in six continents. The 1961 distribution total represented an increase of 973,539 copies of Scriptures over the 1960 total. The report stressed "the astonishing continuing increase in circulation of Scriptures in areas of tension and revolution. Cuba and the Congo are cases in point," it was noted. "In the former, distribution increased from 611,993 to 906,660 Scriptures, and in the Congo there was an increase of over 75,000."—E.P.S., Geneva.

Miss Alleen Draney, recently returned from New Guinea, has been advised by her doctor that the leg injured in a boat capsize some 14 months ago, is in need of further skin grafts. On Fri., July 6, she entered St. Vincent's Hospital, Too-woomba, and anticipates at least six weeks' treatment before being able to do deputation work to the churches. Special prayer support would be valued during this trying time.

Christians in Algeria do not have the same alternative as non-Christians do of staying or leaving the strife-torn country, according to Pastor M. A. Chevallier, president of the regional council of the French Reformed

Church. In an open letter directed specifically to Protestants, he said they have no alternative but to remain, "not through egotism or resignation, . . . (but) to pray, to love and to serve Christ in this country, each in his own way and in his own place." —E.P.S., Geneva.

"Missionary Milestones"

LAUNCESTON, TAS.

The Margaret-st. C.W.E.F. recently held a unique Missionary Night, covering three aspects of our work. Guests were welcomed by a sari-clad hostess and invited to inspect the excellent display of articles and pictures from the various countries. The hall was suitably decorated with huge palm fronds, and eye-catching worship centre. The president, Mrs. A. W. Gilbertson, outlined the theme of the evening, and introduced the group conducting the first section, on India. This was done most effectively — each girl, dressed in a sari, presented various aspects of the work. We learned about the customs of the people among whom our missionaries work, the way the work first began, its growth, and the personnel now on the field. A letter from Sister Win. Walker, who is the "living link" of the Margaret-st. church, was read. Some slides were shown, and the guests were then warmed with a little snack of curry and rice.

The next group brought up-to-date news of the work in New Guinea. We hasten to explain that these girls wore the civilised native dress. The growth and present strength of this, our newest work, was outlined, and latest news was heard from Mrs. Frank Beale. Slides were screened, a tape-recording of New Guinea natives speaking and singing was played. This group served fruit salad to their appreciative guests.

The third group told of the work in the New Hebrides. Customs and conditions of the people were explained, and a better knowledge gained of who our missionaries are, and the work they are called upon to do. Seeing is believing — and again slides were shown to give us all a clearer picture of what is being accomplished in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mrs. K. Younger rendered a solo, and the group then served the final stage of supper, consisting of various types of fish savories and cakes featuring coconut and bananas. (Might we add here that various other foods had been suggested by our missionaries, but it was felt they would be somewhat indigestible, and quite unappreciated by our guests!)

An offering was received by the costumed girls, and approximately £20 donated for missionary work.—Doris A. Allen, sec. C.W.E.F.



OUR FAMILY PAGE

Parables — Up To Date

What minister among you, having one hundred church members, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety-and-nine at the prayer meeting, and go after that which is lost, until he find him? And when he hath found him he taketh him by the arm, rejoicing. And when he cometh back he calls his church and congregation together, saying, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my church member which was lost." I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one wayward soul that repenteth more than over ninety-and-nine faithful souls who need no such repentance.

Either what Sunday School teacher having ten pieces of bright young things under her care, if she lose one of them, doth not raise the alarm and scour the neighborhood, and seek diligently till she find him? And when she hath found him she calls her Sunday School staff together, saying, "Rejoice with me; for I have found the rascal whom I had lost." Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one juvenile delinquent that repenteth.

A certain pastor had two church members, and the younger of them said to his pastor, "Pastor, I am tired of all these petty restrictions and prayer meetings. I'm going to pack up; give me your blessing." The pastor was loth to let him go, but realised the futility of restraining him. Not many days after, this young church member got all his things together and settled in a new district where there was no church: but there was a lovely, well-lit dance hall, and he found plenty of friends who were prepared to share his generosity. So his money quickly went, and his friends, too. At last he sank to the level of a junior clerk in a Pools betting office, and he fain would have stolen some of these slips for himself. Suddenly he realised what a fool he had been, and made up his mind to go back and see if his pastor could get him a small job with a Christian firm.

The pastor had been watching the postman every morning, feeling sure that one day a letter would come. To his surprise one morning, not a letter, but the lad himself! . . . very bedraggled and crestfallen.

So rejoiced was he that he called his deacons together and said, "We must hold a special communion service to welcome back this wanderer." They gladly agreed.

It so happened that the older church member was coming back from the city, and he heard singing in the church, and asked the caretaker what was on. He told him that the prodigal had returned, and the pastor was so glad because he had received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in. Therefore came his pastor out and intreated him. But he, answering, said to his pastor, "Lo, all through these years I have been one of your faithful members; I've never missed the communion services, and yet you never have taken any notice of me, but as soon as this ne'er-do-well of yours comes back, having disgraced the name of the church, you make all this fuss and to-do."

The pastor said: "My good man, you have been with us all the time, and all through you have had the blessings and privileges of the church fellowship; it is perfectly right and fitting that we should be glad and rejoice, for after all, this young man is one of your fellow church members, who was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

—(Acknowledgment — P. N. Bushill in *The Baptist Times*.)

Discouragement

Legend has it that once upon a time the devil decided he had had enough of his trade and would retire. He announced, therefore, that he would have a sale of his tricks and diabolical inventions — I think it must have been January when the announcement was made! On this day of the sale all the tools of his devil's trade were displayed with their price tags; cunning, malice, treachery, hatred, jealousy, sensuality, trickery, falsity, pride. In a place apart was a plain wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced much higher, despite its simple construction, than all the rest.

Someone asked the devil what it was and how it should be used.

"That," said the devil, "is discouragement."

"Why is it priced so high?"

"Because," answered the devil, "it is more useful than all the rest. With that wedge I can pry open and get inside a man's mind and heart, when I cannot get near him with any of my other tools. And once I've got him with that wedge I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is much worn because I've used it on everyone, yet very, very few know that it belongs to me and is my most prized tool."

And it came to pass that the devil's price for discouragement was too high for anyone to buy. It was never sold. He still owns it, and (devil that he is) far from retiring from business, he is still using it, much to his own profit and satisfaction. He uses it on every one of you.

I should like to strike a blow against all discouragers of their fellows, of whom there are far too many. They are the devil's best agents. I should like to initiate and organise a Campaign of Good Hope, to aid those who encourage their fellows. They are God's instruments, and there are not enough of them. — *Canberra Methodist Messenger*.

Hard Work

It seems that an English investigator has been learning how the busy little bee does its work, and springs some startling statistics.

A pound of honey contains 7,000 grains of sugar, which, he says, represent the concentrated sweetness of 62,000 clover blossoms, each of which comprises 60 florets. To obtain this amount of honey, the bee is obliged to make 2,700,000 visits to and from the flowers, covering a distance of approximately 5,000,000 miles.

In the process of extracting the honey, he inserts his tiny proboscis into each separate floret, which means that he performs the operation 3,720,000 times to get enough nectar to make a pound of honey . . . and then he doesn't always get to eat the honey.

To Solomon's injunction, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise," may well be added this, "Observe the bee, thou whiner; compare thy labors with his, and cease complaining." — *The Christian Advocate*.

She. — Sometimes my father takes things apart to see why they won't go.

He. — So what?

She. — So you'd better go.



Discipleship

Robert Mottram, Bet Bet, Vic.

• and L. Hodder, J. Grant, S. Green, Miss G. Byatt, Pascoe Vale, Vic.

Graham Webb, Prahran, Vic.

Mr., Mrs., Noel and Esther Gamble, Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic.

G. Lumley, S. C. Robertson, Launceston, Tas.

Pauline Kennedy, Queenstown, S.A.

Ian Alves, Bruce Bartlett, Lynette Beck, Graham Donaldson, North Essendon, Vic.

Membership

T. Taylor, Pascoe Vale, Vic.

Mrs. H. Bain, to Launceston, Tas.

M. Murray, from Carnegie, Vic.; I. Greenaway, from Wagga Wagga to Mosman, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Heath, from Harrodsburg, Kentucky, U.S.A.; Ray Banfield, from Bendigo, Vic., to North Essendon, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson, from Bundaberg, Qld.; Mrs. Twist, from Preston, Vic. to Toowoomba, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Lynch, Caulfield to Bayswater, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

E. G. Brough, Warragul, Vic.

C. Ehrlich, Toowoomba, Qld.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Av. attendance June: 203 a.m.; 114 p.m.; 181 communed. T. Hore, soloist, p.m., June 17, and Mrs. Ross Jones, 24th. Hi-Y held "fun of the fair" night, 30th. C.M.S. addressed, July 1, by Anglican Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn, Bishop Clements; 170 communed same day.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — All activities functioning well. On June 6, Y.P. joined with other groups in N.W.

C.E. meeting held in Methodist Hall. During absence of minister on holidays, speakers were N. J. Warmbrunn, D. Kenzie, H. Byard, Wm. Tate, P. Bellchambers. C.W.F. meeting, 13th, took form of Aborigines afternoon. Mrs. Bruton showed slides of Carnarvon and Norseman Mission stations, also giving valuable comments. On display was fine array of sewn and knitted garments, useful extras and used clothing, made and donated by church ladies. Parcels later forwarded to Carnarvon.

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson). — June averages: 164 a.m.; 115 p.m.; 145 communed. H. J. Patterson mission (May 27-June 10) resulted in six new members being added to church. Mission was preceded by Visitation Evangelism campaign. Following the evening service on June 10, a fellowship hour was held in hall, at which presentation was made to Mr. Patterson and he was thanked for his leadership in the mission. C.W.E.F. took their programme, Family Album, to Cosgrove Park and entertained aged folk there. On 25th, the same group presented a programme in school hall, entitled Missionary Milestones. June C.M.S. meeting took form of film night. Speakers at C.W.F. meetings have been Mrs. K. Plummer and Mrs. Bushby. C.W.F. entertained ladies of Launceston City Mission to their meeting on 26th. Church glad to welcome D. M. Stewart back from Scotland.

QUEENSLAND

Southport (W. H. Morton). — Annual meeting showed splendid progress since opening of new building. Nine additions to membership and over £800 paid off building. Services well attended; gospel services increasing in interest and attendance. W. Morton back on platform after holidays. Church presented Mr. and Mrs. Morton with gifts and congratulated them on their marriage. C.W.F. showing increase in membership and good deeds. 75 packets of biscuits given to hospital patients and old age inmates on Shut-In Sunday.

Toowoomba (H. J. Finger - A. C. Thurrowgood). — Enthusiastic crowd of 200 attended welcome home to Sis. Aileen Draney, including representation from neighboring churches and as far west as Chinchilla. Excellent reports to hand of recent church broadcasts. On A.B.C., opportunity given Aileen Draney to give greeting to Qld. listeners. C.M.S. enjoyed talk on oil, by Eric Mack, American geologist working on Moonie Oil field;

guest soloist, Allan Corbett. Margaret-st. C.W.F. enjoyed visit from Qld. Women's Pres., Mrs. W. Finger, on their anniversary. K. Harvey (Camp Hill) speaker at Harlaxton church anniversary. Mrs. A. G. Elliott and Mrs. P. Gray progressing after surgery, and L. Enchelmaier improving in hospital. Visit of Overseas Missions Sec., R. McLean, stimulus to church; large crowd attended fellowship tea at which slides of work in India were shown. Deacons and wives provided tea for converts of past year. Y.P.F. conducting paper-drive towards New Hall Fund.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Earlwood (G. Sloman). — Minister still laid aside with concussion as result of fall. Attendance, July 1, was good. Much prayer for minister and several sick members. Mr. Laney (Burwood), accompanied by Mrs. Laney, and D. Surtees gave splendid messages. Miss Hughes was soloist.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — Mr. and Mrs. Earle returned from annual holidays, June 24, when services were well attended. C.W.F. held musical afternoon at home of Mrs. Dick, 27th. Teens' Fellowship meetings held prior to gospel services each week, creating much interest, under leadership of Terry Smith and Elaine Owers.

Mosman - North Balgowlah (L. E. Wylie - R. Davidson). — S. Mill (Gospel Recordings) addressed midweek fellowship, June 6. On Pentecost Sunday, Mr. Bamford (St. Clement's C. of E.) addressed morning service. Mr. Wylie addressed evening service at St. Clement's. R. Bartholomew (Hornsby) conducted evening service, 17th. Mrs. Baker (C.W.F. Exec.) addressed midweek fellowship, 20th, on women's work in the State. North Balgowlah had fellowship tea, 17th, at which guest speaker and artists under leadership of T. Tresidder, were present. The visitors conducted p.m. meeting. Mosman Ladies' Aid afternoon, 27th, raised £30 for reduction of overdraft. Evening services, 24th and July 1, were combined at Mosman, with R. Davidson as speaker. Film strip, The Way, was screened. L. E. Wylie, as Conf. Pres., is doing extensive visitation of churches.

Taree (V. T. Parker). — Church enjoys good meetings and has set about to make plans for year of progress and witness. Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Thomas (Belmore) have been on holidays in district. On 24th, Mr. Thomas gave message to church a.m. Baptists-

mal service held p.m., when 4 Y.P. followed Christ in obedience. They were welcomed into fellowship, July 1. Services of R. Greenhalgh (Director, Christian Education) appreciated by Taree and Wingham churches whilst he was on holidays in district.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — Special speakers have been J. Ellerby (Social Service Dept.) and Mr. Shipway (Sydney City Mission). Mr. McNeil conducted gospel service, June 24. C.W.F. enjoyed visit of Mrs. Sack, who gave woman's view of Social Service. On 30th, C.Y.F. had 20 attend social evening in home of Mr. and Mrs. Cox. C.E. had slide lecture by Miss Liddell (Sydney City Mission), July 1. Work on new hall progressing. Mr. Jurd very ill in hospital.

Wiley Park (C. Bowser). — Church anniversary in June, also annual church business meeting. Excellent property acquired near Wiley Park railway station as manse. B.S. welcomed D. Agnew as supt. Special thanks to W. Mansell for many years of devoted service in school.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — Dedication service of parents and babe conducted June 17, with good attendance. Youth night held p.m., when G.L.B. and Boys' Gymnasium paraded. On afternoon of 24th, special youth meeting combined with church meeting to consider plans for additional accommodation for activities. Combined tea held and screening of films enjoyed. Opportunity was taken to express appreciation of the services of L. Cutting, who has served the church and auxiliaries very faithfully. Gifts were presented by minister, who wished Mr. and Mrs. Cutting well as they move from the district. Large a.m. meeting, July 1. M. Cooper present after period in Repat. Hospital. C.W.F. second birthday, June 14, addressed by Mrs. A. Jones (Women's Conf. Pres.). Mrs. Pillar and Mrs. J. Curtis gave items. Mrs. Outlaw re-elected pres.; Mrs. Bull, sec.

Croydon (W. N. Bartlett). — Ansvar Ins. Co. provided speaker and information at meeting, June 12. Youth tea held 17th. After-church fellowship given illustrated address on Carnarvon Mission by F. Bartlett. Mrs. A. Ferris passed away 19th, a few hours after her father (Mr. Jes-sup). Caroline Reudiger honored by B.S. prior to marriage. Women's Auxiliary birthday, 20th, at which guest speaker was Miss W. Solly (missionary, Japan). Table tennis teams having successful season.

Enfield Heights (R. K. Sansome). — Anniversary meetings, June 3, well supported, although some members away due to holiday weekend. H.

Mauger and R. Bunyon brought reminiscences of early days of church. G.L.B. presented with colors, 10th. Concert sponsored by C.M.S., presented by Koongarra Quartet, to packed building, brought £12 for Organ Fund. Friendship visitation of members has brought increase in offerings, which have averaged £52 past 2 weeks. Morning services well attended. B.S. attendances 170.

Mundalla (R. Brand). — Circuit delighted with visit of C. of C. Youth Choir, under leadership of John Hall. They gave concert in Mundalla Memorial Hall to capacity house on Sat. evening. Sunday, throughout circuit, they took part in church services, leading combined p.m. service in Bordertown Town Hall; Monday, enjoyed barbecue before returning to Adelaide. Miss F. Kennedy gave morning address, 24th, also showing colored slides at All-age B.S. of her work in Islands. Members attended family and junior camps at Hall's Gap. K. D. Horne (Youth Dir.), who was present with Youth Choir, gave a.m. address at Mundalla.

Queenstown (L. P. Austin). — Average of just over 80 breaking bread. One baptism during month, and visiting missionary from Borneo (Mr. Napper). Sickness still widespread and two deaths of old members. On June 24, special gospel service with pre-fellowship meeting entitled *Playing the Game*. Meeting highlighted with parade of sporting teams of church, as well as 35 visiting football players and personnel from Magill Reformatory.

VICTORIA

The Patch (A. E. Hurren). — Additional seating required to accommodate influx of visitors at worship service, June 3. Members delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. E. Heard present at fellowship tea, 22nd. Both brought greetings from India, Mr. Heard illustrating his message with colored slides. E. Dist. president, and his wife, present a.m. service, 24th. Youth Club continues to flourish under leadership of H. Easton, with other helpers. Varied activities include basket-making and cane-weaving. As result of club new scholars attending, B.S. recently reorganised, with Mrs. Searle as acting supt. Pam Easton now on teaching staff. Spiritual leader encouraging members to submit questions and favorite hymns in effort to boost evening attendances.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — Anniversaries of kinder, primary and main B.S. depts. held June 10, 17, 24. At worship service on 24th, a teachers' dedication service was held, with 52 out of 58 teaching staff present. Gilbert and Sullivan evening presented

by Babirra players, on 30th, raised £55 towards Building Fund. E. Heard speaker a.m., July 1, and at gospel service two boys were baptised. Attendances for June: a.m., 243; p.m., 146; communion 211.

Prahran (T. H. Ede). — B.S. held tea and assisted in evening service, June 17. Two baptisms, 24th. A "Get to Know You" afternoon held in home of Mrs. L. Hough, 28th, very successful. Visitation made in district for new scholars, July 1. Many were contacted and one Dutch family attended evening service. Mrs. Carrick still in hospital. Mr. Burton progressing after accident. Church offers sympathy to Mrs. A. Edwards in loss of husband.

Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Opening of new block of flats by Housing Commission in area gave opportunity for Board to prepare invitation leaflet for distribution to tenants. Mr. and Mrs. Swain and Miss Hall made personal visitation. 26 scholars added to school as result, which has necessitated increased transport facilities from members. Mrs. E. Heard addressed W.M.B., June 6; S. R. Baker (B. and F. B. S.) spoke to group, July 4. Ambassadors Quartet rendered items p.m., 17th. Mr. Cookson (missionary from Sudan) addressed midweek meeting, 27th. Fourth monthly opening of Mission boxes showed £900 given out of £1,000 target for 1962. Speaker a.m., July 1, was H. Heywood (missionary, Japan). Number of members are ill.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — June 17 was final Sunday in which Parkdale church supplied president for communion service. Explorer boys won Beach Zone Sports at Cheltenham, 19th. P.m. 24th, was combined worship service, 67 attending. On Overseas Missions day, J.C.E. combined with Explorers in church parade. There was a baptismal service p.m. New notice board is work of men of church. Back sheet is laminex and letters will be of self-adhesive plastic. C.W.E.F. met July 4 for "work night."

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust). — G. Lawrie (C.O.B.) preacher p.m., June 24. Janice and Wendy Dorgan have joined B.S. teaching staff. Baptismal service, July 1, when 2 teenagers baptised into Christ and received into fellowship of church. C.W.E.F. held successful talent night, 4th. Three girls' basketball teams having enjoyable season. Good Companions did well in Inter-Zone competitions at Maidstone.

Mount Evelyn (T. Lawrie). — In spite of cold weather, services have been maintained. Average breaking bread has been 29. Work amongst Y.P. has been encouraging. Successful barbecue took place at Mr. McPherson's farm. Quarterly social very successful. Mrs. Fisher has been able to attend services.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — Continuing Church Education Plan series, D. H. Smith spoke, July 1, on behalf of Dept. of Home Missions. Evening hymn service conducted by L. Finger, who gave interesting facts about each hymn sung. S. Corlett, soloist. At conclusion of service, S. H. Wilson showed slides on Tasmania and Townsville on behalf of Federal H.M. Dept.

Red Cliffs (S. K. Bannon). — Men held working bee in church grounds, June 23. Explorer Club held parents' night, 25th. At C.W.E.F. annual meeting, Mrs. M. Milne was elected pres., Mrs. P. Reading, vice-pres., Mrs. A. Bahr, sec., Mrs. I. Milne, treas. Girl Guides and Brownies held church parade, 24th. Attendance at a.m. service was 143. Plans in hand for mission, with Messrs. White and Coleman.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Family of five (mother, father and three sons) given right hand of fellowship, July 1. Film, *Does Christ Live in Your Home?*, screened p.m. C.W.E.F. functioning well and assisting church with numerous purchases. C.W.A.F. voted £50 to New Building Fund. Half-yearly report on New Building Fund indicates £1,153 raised Jan.-June, 1962. This includes Memorial gift of £500. Av. weekly gift to New Building Fund is £27, and av. Budget offering, £42; total of £69 weekly.

North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A. - T. Mason). — Attendances good, despite sickness. Y.P. attend gospel service and C.Y.F. after, in good numbers. June av.: a.m., 157; p.m., 95; communicants, 151. Morning service broadcast by 3DB; C.E. Quartet rendered appropriate harmony. Training classes held weekly for potential presidents, readers and helpers, under instruction by minister. On morning of July 1, missionary display for benefit of B.S. arranged by Mrs. Grace Waterman and Bill Compston. E. Heard gave p.m. address, illustrated by charts, on Overseas Missions work. C.W.E.F. very active, and members made and sent to Old Folks' Home (Royal Park) 90 pairs of hand-knitted bed socks. Meeting on July 1 attended by 60 ladies, for demonstration of woollen garments by representatives of Paton and Baldwin. C.M.S. held tea 24th, when films of space flights of U.S. astronauts were screened. Cyril Minns and guide dog were present, and Mr. Minns gave inspiring testimony to C.Y.F. afterwards.

Milleara (mornings only). — June av.: 41 attendants, 25 communicants, 80 B.S. School has enrolment of 156. Good Companions gained 5 firsts and 2 second prizes in Arts Festival Competition. Explorers did well at Regional Sports at Maidstone. Enjoyable church family night, June 18, well

attended, brought members and non-members into closer fellowship. J. Burns displayed color slides, with commentary, on recent tour through Israel. Gas heaters now installed in building.

Bayswater (H. S. Prime). — C.Y.F. enjoyed trip to Marysville with other Eastern District youth groups, June 4. Two car loads of Endeavorers attended inspirational rally in Albert Hall on 10th. C.Y.F. entertained at C.O.B., 12th, when various facts of College life were explained to them, after which devotions were led by student, Gus Setzman. Over 60 folk shown slides and curios by Ken Finger (South Seas Evangelical Mission) on 15th; offering taken for work of Mission. Good Companions entered various sections of Arts and Crafts Festival at Camberwell. Endeavorers present at Mountain District C.E. Union induction rally at Mooroolbark, 22nd. Among those inducted were H. S. Prime as Junior Vice-Pres., and Miss Doreen Charles as sec., a position she has held for several years. More than 80 attended fellowship tea on 24th, when John Robinson (Campaigners for Christ) was guest speaker at tea and gospel service. 115 present at latter, when 3 Y.P. accepted the Lord as Saviour, and 4 others came forward seeking further knowledge.

Warragul (G. A. Hearn). — Church expresses sympathy to Mrs. E. Brough and family on recent death of E. G. Brough. Mr. Brough had been ill for some months. He was church sec. and an elder at Warragul, and will be greatly missed by all. C.Y.F. had visit from Morwell C.Y.F., 22nd, and all had enjoyable time at social evening. Prior to special Explorer and Good Companions parade night on June 24, Good Companions held special tea to celebrate their 6th birthday; 6 new members received certificates and badges. 63 attended special service. Attendances at both services that day reached the aim, with 81 present a.m., and total of 75 communicants for day; offering reached £55. Mr. and Mrs. E. Heard (India) welcomed, 26th. Both gave interesting stories and showed slides of their work in India. C. Byard has been elected church sec. to succeed late E. G. Brough.

World Convention Notes

The International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) will hold its 1962 Assembly in the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, Sept. 30-Oct. 4. However, the formal opening session will be held in the famous Hollywood Bowl. The theme of the Convention is *The Power of God*. The President's

sermon will be followed by a communion service. The President of the International Convention is Dr. Leslie R. Smith, minister of the Central Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky. The World Convention will have an exhibit booth at this Convention. Literature concerning the Puerto Rico Assembly will be distributed at this booth.

The New York World's Fair will be held from Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 in each of the two years of 1964 and 1965. Many nations are now beginning to erect their buildings out on Long Island. One of the most important exhibit buildings will be the Protestant Centre. This symbol of our Protestant Christian Faith will be centrally located. Those members of our churches who expect to attend the 1965 Assembly of the World Convention in Puerto Rico will want to visit this World's Fair, either before or after the Assembly.

The President of the World Convention is Florentino Santana, minister of the largest congregation of the Christian Churches (Disciples) in Puerto Rico. He will hold Preaching Missions of two weeks each in Asuncion, Paraguay, beginning July 31, and in Buenos Aires, Argentina, beginning Aug. 16. He will preach in Spanish. The World Convention and the United Society are jointly caring for his travel expenses. Mr. Santana's evangelistic messages will mean much to our churches in these two countries.

Vivian C. Stafford, Director and Editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education in Australia, visited the World Convention offices in New York on June 28. He has visited a number of cities in the United States since he left Sydney on June 7. Among these centres visited were Des Moines, Iowa — St. Louis, Missouri — Indianapolis, Indiana — and New York. He left New York on June 29 to attend the World Institute of Christian Education in Belfast, Ireland.



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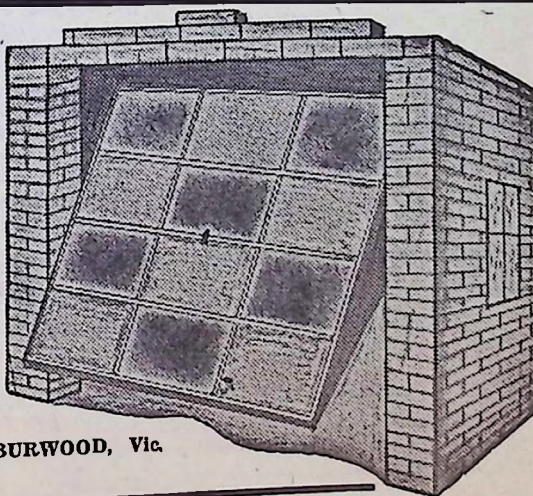
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O'BRIEN (Goldsmith). — 48 Jordon-hill-rd., Nth. Hobart, Tas. On June 27, at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Hobart, to June and Don, a son — Peter Charles. Brother for Gary. Both well.

DEATHS

CHAPMAN (nee Shepherd). — On June 10, 1962, at her home, Peterborough, S.A. (suddenly), Elsie, dearly loved wife of George Chapman, mother of Donald and Norman, youngest daughter of the late C. R. and M. Shepherd, Balaklava, S.A., loving sister of Alfred, Henrietta, Mary and Louisa; aged 64 years. "For ever with the Lord."

EMMETT. — On June 19, 1962, at Ararat, Vic., Eva, widow of the late Arthur Emmett (dec., 1st A.I.F.), and loved mother of May (Mrs. W. Owen, Ararat), Clem (Terang), Geoff. (dec., 2nd A.I.F.), Iris (Mrs. Anderson, Ouyen), Arthur (Carnegie), Dolly (Mrs. Hartvigsen, Echuca), in her 80th year.

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OBITUARY

William Younghusband.

On Sunday, April 15, William Younghusband passed quickly from this world to be with his Lord, whom he had loved and served with diligence throughout his whole life. Mr. Younghusband and his wife came to Australia in 1912 from England, where they had been meeting in a house at Darlington. They came to live at Auburn, shared in the early history of this church and were associated with notable men like Will Clay. Mr. Younghusband was sec. of the church at that time. After four years at Auburn they went to several different centres, being members of churches at Hurstville and Newcastle. During this time he did a great deal of preaching in our churches and with other groups. While at Coolamon, in the Riverina district, he used to ride his bicycle ten miles each way to preach at a small Methodist church. Since 1914, he shared in the work of the Chinese church. He was instrumental in the foundation of C.F.A. in N.S.W. At the Auburn church he has occupied the positions of B.S. supt., sec., deacon and elder. The events of the day of his passing are typical of his life. In the morning, he presided at the Lord's Table and spoke of the beauty of the words of John 14: 1-6, "In my Father's house are many mansions..." He went with the church members to the Conference Sermon in the afternoon, where he met many old friends. Having arrived home, he was telling his wife about the Conference meeting, when he suddenly collapsed and died. Mr. Younghusband was a man of definite convictions and at times clashed with others of differing views, but he was above all a man of God who sought the extension of the Kingdom of God. The services at the Auburn chapel and at the crematorium were conducted by Canon H. M. Arrowsmith. —J. D. Main.

Mrs. L. Battersby.

On Fri., June 8, the church at Croydon, S.A., suffered the loss by death of Mrs. L. Battersby, one of its oldest and most lovable members. Our sister was baptised many years ago at Hindmarsh, but for a number of years had been in membership at Croydon. A faithful member, she endeared herself to all by her radiant disposition. She had learned the secret of victorious living. She loved life but was prepared to surrender it the moment the Lord called. She was great-hearted and full of good works, a truly happy soul who walked with God daily. She attended the services of the church right up to her last Sunday on earth. She reached her 84th birthday, and that same evening our

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Mrs. A. Ferris.

The church at Croydon, S.A., was saddened when the news came that Beth Ferris had passed away on Tues., June 19, less than seven hours after her father, and while her mother was languishing in hospital and her father-in-law was still convalescing after a surgical operation. Although Mrs. Ferris herself had undergone two major surgical operations within ten months, she faced the situation bravely and cheerfully. She was able to attend to most of her duties in the home and regularly attended the services of the church until within two to three weeks of her call to Higher service. She was baptised in 1937 at Croydon, during the ministry of Albert Brown, and remained a faithful member through the years. Prior to her sickness she was leader of the Beginners' Dept. in the B.S., officer of the Women's Fellowship, member of the choir and of the W.C.T.U. group associated with the church at Croydon. Following a service in her home, where deserved tributes were paid to her worth, the double funeral of our sister and her father left for the cemetery at Centennial Park, where the earthly tabernacles of both were laid side by side. Mrs. Ferris leaves a husband, daughter and son, who, while they sorrow in their loss, rejoice in the knowledge that their loved one is "present with the Lord."—W. N. Bartlett.

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