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## *Aborigines Missions —*

# *Looking to the Future*

Notes by J. K. Robinson, Federal Secretary.

1. The Federal Board, guided by reports from all fields, is under the conviction that God would have it lead our Australian churches into an expansion programme, reaching far beyond main emphases of our work thus far.

In 1962 our Aborigines Mission work is 21 years old, during which time we have mainly concentrated upon our Children's Missions at Carnarvon and Norseman in W.A. It now seems to be plainly shown to us that the results of this work are to form the launching place for a wider outreach. A start has already been made with the Adult Centre in Norseman town, and the appointment of Sonny Graham at Mooroopna, and now at Carnarvon, we find the way opening for a larger ministry by the acquisition of the former Mission School building.

This building is just outside the Mission's freehold boundary, about a quarter of a mile from the Mission office. It consists of two large classrooms, plus verandah, washroom, toilets, and is septic sewered. The water comes from the Mission scheme. The W.A. Public Works has granted it to us for £100, and tenure of the land will be vested in us. The proposition is to sub-divide suitably and slightly extend the building so that accommodation will be provided for a missionary couple and for selected native people, such as ex-Mission young people who are working in Carnarvon town, or on the Mission itself; or who are needing temporary accommodation, such as for holidays; also any who are awaiting, or convalescing from, hospitalisa-

tion or need accommodation for any other purpose.

A start has already been made on the refitting of the building, and the next step will be the securing of a suitable missionary couple, who must have distinct qualities of leadership and maturity of Christian experience, because this new move will be a kind of bridgehead for an outreach to the native people in the areas surrounding the Mission. This is a very great need.

As the work progresses at the Norseman Adult Centre, the unlimited



J. K. Robinson.

possibilities for a widening ministry to the native people become evident. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are proving themselves admirably suited to the work, and further advances, probably the provision of additional missionaries, are the only alternative to stagnation at the level already reached.

Our Children's Homes have been established with considerable Governmental financial assistance, and though this is lower now than it once was, it is still considerable, and will enable that work to continue. However, the expansion work to which we feel called will depend entirely upon the financial support from our churches. It will be a major advance to attempt to meet the desperate spiritual need of our native people, and will call for faith, courage and consecrated support.

2. The reports from Balladoran (N.S.W.) reveal good progress, but a speeding up of the housing programme, and an extension of spiritual ministry with the chapel on the settlement as a centre, are urgent needs. We should think in terms of a full-time worker at Balladoran.

3. Mooroopna (Vic.).—Sonny Graham is settled into his ministry here, but provision of transport is an added need, also addition to the church building to provide for the growing Bible School work.

4. At Fitzroy (Vic.) the consolidation of all contacts must be pursued with a view to the establishment of a church, and the provision of continuous leadership.

5. Two floods and the cyclone, calling for the diversion of all available labor to repair work, have prevented a start upon the Carnarvon Mission chapel. Also, a change in our thinking of the whole project has convinced us that the best policy would be to erect a new dining-room/kitchen building on the higher ground, and convert the present dining-room/kitchen, with its staff quarters, to a chapel and Christian Education building. This is a project for the immediate future.

6. The whole of our Mission properties are crying out for paint, and this, too, must be attended to in order to preserve them.

7. Above all, our deepest concern is for the welfare of our children, especially those who have the desire and ability to progress to higher education and vocation. The greatest need for many of these is to be received into some Christian home, where they can be cared for and guided while pursuing their studies.

For all this future work, and maintaining what has already been achieved, three great needs are evident, namely:—

The prayers of the Lord's people.  
Adequate finance.

The right type of missionary.





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## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"

of July 25, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Work at Baramati, India. — Bro. Strutton has been instructed to erect six living houses for native Christian families who work on the Mission property at Baramati. These houses will cost £10 each. Brethren or sisters are invited to donate the necessary money, and, if desired, houses will be erected in the names of the donors. The Federal Committee has sent Bro. Strutton £9 to pay for the second year's rent of the reading room used in the centre at Baramati, in connection with our work there.

Great Day at Nth. Fitzroy, Vic.— Over 100 at the Junior Endeavor at 10 o'clock. 254 at the Lord's Table. 12 received into membership — 11 by faith and baptism, and 1 by letter, making a total of 41 for the past two months, 38 of whom are by faith and obedience. Over 400 at Sunday School in the afternoon, and a packed house in the evening to hear J. W. Baker. Two more confessions.

A Church Constitution? — A "Here and There" note reads: "A correspondent asks if a church is justified in drawing up a constitution, even supposing the articles in it are in accordance with Scripture teaching, and requiring members of the church to sign the same. Our answer is that the church is not justified in doing so. If the terms in which it is set forth are in the New Testament, they are not required in any other document. In any case, such a thing is contrary to our usage, and there is no Scripture warrant for doing so. There is too much of the creed-making business about it."

New Preacher for Williamstown, Vic. — A splendidly attended business meeting decided to accept the application of Bro. Beller, of S.A., as evangelist, his work to begin about Nov. A beautiful organ has been installed in readiness for the Sunday School anniversary. Prospects are better now than they have been for many months. Bro. Moysey preached his farewell sermon July 21, and leaves for the Mallee circuit on Aug. 1.

Items of Interest. — A wire sent by W. B. Blakemore gives 207 as the number of decisions, as the result of the Scoville mission in Perth, W.A., up to July 23 . . . Thursday night meetings at Lygon-st., Vic., continue to grow in attendance and interest, 200 at least being present . . . Miss F. M. Cameron, missionary candidate in training in South Australia, is making splendid progress with her medical studies . . . The question of the individual cup will be decided at Prospect, S.A., at a called meeting of the church.



# EDITORIAL COMMENTS . . .

## THE R.C. "BOGEY"

Many modern Protestants find it as difficult as their forebears did to be anything but bitterly hostile to the Roman Catholic Church. Our Protestant freedoms were too hardly won to be lightly sacrificed. Roman Catholic oppression of Protestant minorities is still a fact in parts of today's world. Rome's official claims seem as absolute and unyielding as ever, including the 1870 Vatican Council's assertion that "the Roman Church possesses a superiority of ordinary power over all other churches." Roman Catholic political influence has a sorry history in some parts of the world, and remains suspect in others. Despite interest expressed even in the highest Roman Catholic circles concerning church union, there is still nothing to deny Stephen Neill's conclusion that "there is a deep incompatibility between Roman Catholic ideals of unity and those professed by all other Churches."

In the light of these and other factors, why did the Church of Rome send observers to the New Delhi Assembly of the World Council of Churches, and to similar ecumenical gatherings? And why should Protestant groups — including our own World Convention of Churches of Christ — agree to send official observers to the Second Vatican Council, whose meetings begin in Rome next October? That our world brotherhood is involved in this way may startle some, and we urge such to read immediately the article in this issue concerning our representation at Rome. What good can come out of such official encounters? To many, the dangers far outweigh any possible benefits, and they see moves like these as only helping to push loosely-committed Protestants into the ruthless maw of uncompromising Rome.

But "reasoning" like this smacks more of fear and prejudice than of honest facing of the facts. It shows a serious lack of faith in the strength of our Protestant principles; they were won in the heat of struggle with Rome, and ought to have more significance for us in actual encounter with Rome than in rigid isolationism. We hold no brief for Rome, and do not see that any Protestant in his senses can believe in either the possibility or desirability of union with Rome *as we know it*. But that involves the question, how well do we know it? We ought to demand — not be afraid of — a growing knowledge. The presence of Protestant observers at the Second Vatican Council will help enlarge that knowledge and understanding, for the Council will be concerned primarily with the internal life and prob-

lems of Roman Catholicism. There can be no question of any Protestant Church being compromised by the presence of an official observer. But what happens there will be more meaningful to us because it can be interpreted by the Protestant mind, in addition to Rome's own official reports.

## THE ZEAL OF THE NEGATIVE

Why is it that so many people, inside the Church as well as outside, show their greatest zeal when they are *against* something? Is it a carry-over of the childhood idea that there is much more fun in destroying something than in building it?

Whatever the reason, it is certainly easier for the "knockers" to win support than for the builders. For example, the "anti-Communist" outcry, with some revival of the discredited "smear" tactics, in America has caused the Presbytery in New York to rebuke Dr. Fred D. Schwartz, leader of the so-called Christian Anti-Communist Crusade: "We are persuaded that the gospel of Christ," they say, "truly preached in our pulpits, fully heard and heeded in our pews, is the chief contribution our Church can make to the preservation of American freedom against the threat of the world-wide Communist conspiracy, and against the idolatry of those fearful Americans who would substitute militant anti-Communism for the gospel of Christ." There, surely, speaks the authentic Christian voice.

But the fact remains that few Christians seem to take up positive policies and programmes with the same enthusiasm and financial support that others give to their various "anti" movements. John Gray, reviewing in *The British Weekly* (7/6/62) the recent General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, had this to say about the outcome of some discussions: "We have contained the follies of the unbalanced, but somehow the balanced seem to lack inspiration and enthusiasm . . . (Our work will not be) ready to advance until it can somehow harness the undoubted zeal of those who take a negative view of things to a positive programme."

What a folly it is that some Christians eagerly give time, money and personal devotion to "anti" movements in a measure with which they have never given to the on-going positive work of the Church! But is their failure as bad, after all, as that of those who, having the balanced knowledge, lack an over-mastering enthusiasm? No wonder Paul longed to see knowledge and zeal wedded together in real Christian service!



# WORLD CONVENTION WILL SEND OBSERVER to the . . . SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

The Second Vatican Council, which opens in Rome on Oct. 11 of this year, will be the culmination of a tremendous amount of activity by the Roman Church throughout the world. When Pope John XXIII first called the Council he declared that it was his dream that it should promote the unity of all Christians but, since that announcement in May, 1959, it has become obvious that the real purpose of the Council corresponds to that of the other twenty in the series that the Roman Church calls ecumenical, and of which the latest was the Vatican Council of 1869-70.

Ecumenicity, in the terms of these Councils, means that they speak for all Roman Catholics — who are defined as those in communion with the Roman Church — and that they concern themselves with two problems: they seek to define authoritatively the doctrinal issues in debate and to improve the moral discipline of the Church. It was in line with this intention that the Council of 1870 finally declared the infallibility of the Papal Office, both as arbiter of the Faith and as supreme administrative authority in the Church. In its definition of ecumenicity, the canon law of the Church precludes the recognition of non-Roman Churches as equal partners of discussion and, in his encyclical, "Aeterna Dei Sapientia," Pope John has announced that the Second Vatican Council will call on world Christendom to acknowledge Papal infallibility. He is just as emphatic that those he calls "separated brethren" can only achieve Christian unity by returning to the fold of Peter.

One might reasonably ask, therefore, what results may be expected from the Second Vatican Council which could have a bearing on the unity of all Christians. There are two possibilities, neither of which, however, can be thought of as involving the Roman Church in the wider concept of ecumenicity. Negatively, the Council might increase the barriers which divide the Roman Church from other Churches. There are many bishops who would urge that still greater honor should be ascribed to Mary, even to the recognition of her as Co-Redemptrix, despite the fact that recently pronounced Marian dogma has widened the breach between Rome and the Churches of the Reformation. This would mean that the area of fruitful inter-church relationships would be defined as precluding Rome for an indefinite time. It is still to be hoped that, even if the Council moved in this direction, it would omit the past anathemas against those who reject her dogmas.

written by

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of Churches of Christ  
(Disciples).

In a more positive direction we are told by Monsignor Willebrands that the Council will give deep and unhurried consideration to the subjects of Truth, Unity, and Peace; by Bishop Fulton Sheen that one of its fruits will be an emphasis on the importance of the laity and its participation in the life of the Roman Catholic Church through the Liturgical Movement, Bible Study and Catholic Action; by Cardinal Larraona that it will, in all probability, approve of the use of modern language in parts of the Mass. If such new emphases indeed result from the forthcoming Council, then we might hope, through their development, for an increased future mutual understanding.

It is upon this background that the invitation to the World Confessional Bodies to send observers to the Second Vatican Council must be viewed. There has grown up, during recent years, a pattern of contacts between Church leaders. Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey (Archbishop of Canterbury), Dr. Archibald Craig (Moderator of the Church of Scotland), and Arthur Lichtenberger (presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America), have paid courtesy visits to Rome within the past year, with the object of increasing understanding and esteem between Rome and the communions they represent. The World Council was glad to welcome five representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to the plenary sessions of its New Delhi Assembly as observers, recognising in this approach a recognition by Rome of the significance of the Ecumenical Movement and a desire to understand it better.

At a meeting of the General Secretaries of "World Confessional Bodies," held at Geneva, Switzerland, on April 3 and 4, 1962, Monsignor Jan Willebrands, Secretary of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity of the Second Vatican Council, indicated that each of the fourteen World Confessional Bodies would be invited to send one or two observers to the Vatican Council. Invitations of this nature were sent to all the Bodies. The World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) has been asked to send one official observer.

It should be a matter of rejoicing that the Roman Catholic Church has, to this extent, recognised the sig-

nificant existence of other Communions, and has desired their cognisance and understanding of the Council. According to the Rules and Regulations regarding Observers, they are entitled to attend "the public Solemn Sessions and the closed General Assemblies where the schemata of the Council are presented for open discussion." The Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity is entrusted with the task of passing on to the Observers whatever information may be necessary for following the work of the Council, and in arranging special sessions for them in which they may discuss the deliberations of the Council with "Fathers of the Council" invited for that purpose. Although the proceedings will be conducted in Latin, translation facilities, such as are employed in most multilingual assemblies today, will be available. The Observers' task is, therefore, responsibly to inform themselves, and to report to their respective representative bodies, the continuing work and conclusions of the Council.

The invitation to "Disciples" came to Dr. Jesse M. Bader as General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, the one organisation which could conceivably be regarded as representative of "Disciples" throughout the world. The matter was brought for decision to the full Executive Committee by mail, and the result of the ballot was an almost unanimous decision, from all parts of the world, that this invitation to send an Observer to the Council should be accepted. A sub-committee met to consider a number of the names suggested for the appointment and, by means of another mail ballot, sent to the 31 members of the Executive Committee, it was unanimously decided to ask the General Secretary himself to undertake the task.

One difference between other Church Councils and those called by Rome is that of their respective duration. The Vatican Council of 1869 lasted almost two years, and few delegates stayed the course. The Executive Committee of the World Convention has asked Dr. Bader to report and interpret the Council in regular communiques during first sessions, from October to December. After that time, if it appears to be necessary, another Observer will be appointed to replace Dr. Bader for a second stated time.

It is still true that any ultimate unity of all Christians cannot exclude the Church of Rome, and it is encouraging that a means to fuller understanding has now been made possible by Rome herself.



From reports sent by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. CALDICOTT (Geelong, Vic.),  
we cull these stories of . . .

## — ENCOUNTERS IN U.S.A. —

At Knoxville, we took the opportunity of visiting Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham, in their mountain home, and met also Mrs. Barton Babbage and daughter, of Melbourne, who were guests of the Grahams. Dr. Graham showed us the glorious views of the mountain ranges from his garden. We were thrilled at the warmth of his reception. He was relaxed, in casual clothes, suntanned and friendly — one felt like neighbors passing the time of the day.

We were privileged to attend and preach at the Canton church, many recalling that C. G. Taylor, B.A., Editor Australian Christian, preached there en route to the World Convention. Dr. Davis, one-time assistant of P. H. Welshimer, is now the minister in charge. It is difficult to put into words the overwhelming feeling that possesses the Australian as he goes from auditorium to auditorium, and classroom to classroom, and sees 2,000 adults and young people in Bible School, and then later to give the broadcast sermon to 2,000 at communion is a thrill of thrills. Nowhere have we a church in the world to compare with the Canton church.

It is noteworthy that P. H. Welshimer had a theory to which he attributed the success of his and any church, namely, "The Bible School is the evangelistic and educational arm of the church." P. H. built the Canton church out of the Bible School! Further, it is praiseworthy to report all departments of the church are committed to make their group grow; for example, even the choir is dedicated to visitation evangelism to make their department grow.

P. H. Welshimer used all means to further N.T. Christianity and it is still reported to this day how he worked untiringly in a Billy Sunday crusade, reaping 1,000 new members for his church at Canton.

At Indianapolis, it was a pleasure to meet Ira Paternoster, who graciously showed us the rounds of the United Christian Missionary Society, and also Butler University. Earlier we were glad to meet at Minnesota Bible College Hi-er school sessions, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Thickins, known from earlier ministries in Australia.

Another Australian we met on a bus en route to the Christian Board of Publication, was Vivian Stafford, at St. Louis. We had a profitable time of introduction and comment at the extensive plant of the Bethany Press,

and exchanged experiences encountered on our journeys.

A further surprise meeting was that of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (Doncaster), on a bus returning from one of Billy Graham's Chicago meetings, to our hotels.

June and July in America are vacation months. Churches organise vacation Bible Schools which are wonderfully attended, and lectures are held for all age groups among young

were delighted to bring greetings to the Convention, along with Haydn Sargent, minister-elect Annerley, Qld. A workshop session on the history of the Australian church was warmly received at the Convention.

Whilst at Lexington, Kentucky, we visited the College of the Bible, and also had the joy of preaching at the Broadway Christian Church, where an Australian once ministered for 35 years, Dr. Collis.

From the North American Christian Convention we now find ourselves at Winona Lake, where the Youth for Christ International is in full session. Winona Lake is the centre for Bible Conferences similar to Keswick, England. We are not far from Chicago.

The town is teeming with teenagers, and it is refreshing to think somebody does something on a large scale for youth where so many destructive elements are at work in America, so bent on destroying the best in youth.

Today is Independence Day, and it seems strange to us, who are British, to be in a country rejoicing on the anniversary of their freedom from British rule. But the love of Christ outshines all these ties of patriotism. We are guests here of Virgil and Martha Brock, members of the Christian Church, and composers of "Beyond the Sunset" and "He's a wonderful Saviour to me." They are warm-hearted and typical of the American people we have met. From here, after a week or two, we leave for home via Britain and Europe.

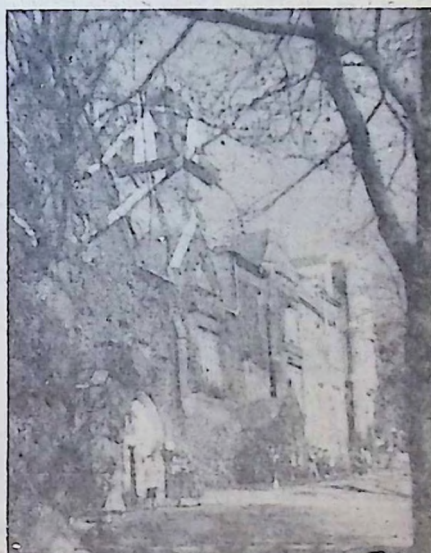


### OPEN FORUM

#### BROTHERHOOD FINANCE.

There is an adage which says, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." I am not sure what category I come under, but for some time I have had on my mind the idea: why not pool the finances of all brotherhood Departments? Instead of at present each Department making its separate appeal, could not all the monies obtained from the churches be controlled and managed by a representative committee?

I would be interested to know the feelings of brotherhood members on this matter, as I feel it would obviate the expenses at present incurred in separate brotherhood appeals. — C. Minns, Berwick, Vic.



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people, and certificates presented to those who successfully complete the course. These sessions generally run from a week to two weeks.

Perhaps the most astonishing experience encountered re youth programming is the well conducted Christian service camps. Alice and I attended one of these camps at which I was one of two guest evangelists. These camps are well planned over a year, and the session we attended at Cyokomo, Missouri, was highly geared to challenge young people to enter full-time Christian service.

After a two-day drive from Dodge City to Lexington we found the North American Christian Convention in full swing at the Memorial Coliseum, with nigh on 8,000 registrations. We



## THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



# WOMEN



## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mrs. T. Jones presided over the July meeting, held at Grote-st. chapel, July 5. There were 192 sisters present, including 165 delegates. Three visitors were welcomed — Mrs. M. Arnold (W.A.), Mrs. Burford (Naracoorte) and Mrs. Purdie (Port Pirie).

The Obituary report and prayer were presented by Mrs. Pillar and Mrs. Lewis, seven sisters having received the Home call since last meeting.

All committees are busy preparing for Sept. General Conference, and secretaries are asked to note Committee vacancies, and forward nominations to the next meeting on Aug. 2.

At the conclusion of business, Mrs. Wharton presided over the Social Service Rally. Mrs. Lewis brought devotions, and two lovely solos were rendered by Mrs. C. Curtis. A. R. Jones (Social Service Director) gave a most interesting and informative talk on the work in its various sections. The Committee is delighted with the success of the Girls' Hostel, which opened early this year — there are 23 girls in residence at present, and many more are desirous of coming in next year. The income to date is £1,300, and expenses £900. This has been helped by generous gifts from Harvest Festivals, etc. £1,000 has been given to the Hostel Fund from proceeds of the Opportunity Shop in Henley Beach Road. Foundations are now being laid on the new Rest Home property at Black Forest. 14 cottages are already allotted. The rear block has also been purchased, making room for many more cottages, also giving access by both front and back streets. Vital chaplaincy work is being done in Industry, Hospitals and Prisons. The offering was £22/5/3.

Mrs. Jones closed the meeting with her promise for the month, found in Isaiah 40: 31: "They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength." — L. Watson, Asst.-Sec.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

As the husband of our Treasurer, Mrs. W. Beck, and a faithful veteran sister, Mrs. R. Ewers, had gone to be with their Lord during the month, a short Obituary session was held, and prayer for loved ones was offered by Mrs. Digwood — mention also being made of the serious illness of the husband of our previous Asst. Sec., Mrs. Ray Fallon.

The devotions were prepared by the Wooroloo Supts. led by Mrs. Verge, with Mesd. Collins, Lamont, Williams, Calladine, and Hopes.

Mrs. Ewers welcomed all sisters present, especially Mrs. G. Wood, new preacher's wife at South Perth, and Mrs. A. G. Elliott, from N.S.W. — both brought greetings. Mrs. Nightingale was also welcomed back after illness.

Prayer text was then shared from Ps. 27: 14. Roll call was answered by 103 sisters — apologies 17. Financial statement, as read by Mrs. Calladine, showed a balance in hand of £730/18/10. Prayer of thanks after offering was given by Mrs. Ewers.

The South West Women's Conference had been held at Bridgetown in June, and two carloads of sisters from the city had attended. Mrs. Morris gave an interesting account of the happy day of fellowship spent with our sisters of the South West. The new president is Mrs. C. Pridmore (Bunbury).

Reports — Hospital: Mrs. Sonsee thanked sisters for devotional books and magazines supplied — requested prayer for those who are sick that

they may accept the gospel and be helped during times of serious illness and operation.

Overseas: Mrs. Gordon requested prayer for 16 missionaries who have gone to Mission fields. A morning tea is to be held in the Centre on July 30, at 10.30 a.m., for Dr. and Mrs. Williams.

Home Mission: Mrs. Manning asked that we pray for Mr. Willis and the mission at Northam.

Aborigine: Mrs. Pallot had received greetings from Mrs. Dewing (Norseman), and thanks for prayers and gifts.

Wooroloo: Mrs. Verge thanked Fellowshipships for the bedsocks that had come to hand; continue in prayer for this work.

Opportunity was taken to say farewell to Mrs. Nightingale ere she, with her husband, leaves this State for Qld. Appreciation was expressed of her interest in, and support of, Auxiliary work. Mrs. Nightingale said it had been a joy to serve the Lord and the brotherhood at Manning.

One of our veteran sisters — still faithful in attending our meetings — had turned 90, and Mrs. Seaby, snr., expressed birthday greetings to her. Mrs. Wei thanked all for their kindness — God has been gracious unto her.

There being no further business, Mrs. R. Richards offered the prayer for Missions and missionaries, and the closing prayer.—P. Reid, Sec.



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

## Is Children's Home Work Worthwhile?

Miss Dorothy Geyer.

I wonder whether some have thought this work rather remote from evangelism? As a new Boys' Home Superintendent, let me share with you my conviction that it is, in fact, a vital evangelistic ministry.

In the Baramati Boys' Home, we have a family of 150. Some of these boys come to us as tiny orphans. Without this Home they would be lost indeed. We alone have the responsibility of showing them the love of Christ, and teaching them to love and follow him. One of our finest Christian young men, due to graduate from University this year, was just such an orphan. Some boys come to us from

leper homes — for care of body and soul. A few have actually been found with leprosy, and cured. The only three such I know of in the Boarding at present have also found spiritual health, being very bright Christians. One of them has Hindu parents. Some come to us through Government Remand Homes from backgrounds of immorality and vice, and with the stamp of sin already on them. It has been interesting in my first few months to see one such 14-year-old begin to acquire the glimmerings of a moral sense — and a taste for Bible reading. Some lads come from Christian homes for a High School study, entrusted to us by their parents for crucial years of their lives. Several such lads have been baptised this year. And we have the constant guidance and counselling of all these boys, for this is their HOME.



Superintendent and Masters and Matron, we all look on our task as an evangelistic one. And what more need we ask in the way of a field? If you multiply your own family by 30 or so, you'll realise that looking after a family of 150 is no easy task. There are many problems and disappointments, but 6 months has been long enough to see victories, too, in several boys quite transformed and in others learning, though sometimes painfully, to walk the Christian Way. The proportions of disappointment and victory depend largely on faithfulness in prayer — our faithfulness, and yours.

### A Dying Church?

Miss Dorothy Geyer.

A few weeks ago, I read a statement by a prominent Indian Bishop to the effect that out of many years' experience he could say that **THE INDIAN CHURCH WAS DYING**. I think the Bishop could hardly have been considering the whole country, for there is no doubt that in some parts of India the Church is quite obviously alive and growing. But, in other parts, there are certainly grounds for the Bishop's discouragement.

And in our part! Is the Church dying there? No. Not while simple women join together to witness to their neighbors; not while a wife prays for her husband until he shares her experience of the Saviour and they can witness together, by life and words, to their neighbors in a strange district; not while University students seek to win their Hindu room-mates, and a simple village Christian plans to bring his Hindu brother's children under the influence of the gospel; not while Christian nurses and teachers are the most loving and conscientious nurses and teachers for Jesus' sake; not while young men regularly take leave without pay to share in the proclamation of the gospel and others hear the call to be full-time preachers; not while lads and girls are coming to the Saviour and having their lives transformed; not while poor people tithe regularly, while Christians lovingly combine to pray for the sick and see their prayers wonderfully answered, nor while, in tragic bereavement, simple Christians know the comfort of the Father's word and the Father's presence. Surely all these are signs of the **LIFE** which is in Christ.

And yet, brethren, the Church is sick. While the lives of "Christian" young men are idle and immoral; while a very large proportion of the church membership makes a very small contribution to church funds; while church prayer meeting attendances drop to almost nil, and only a small proportion of male members attend even Sunday morning worship; and while only a small minority show any concern for the unbelieving neighbors — is not the Church sick?

## QUESTING

A. E. White.

At our last Sunday School anniversary, our superintendent made jokes about the "once-a-yearers." I think some parents were upset; I was. Is he wrong or am I?

I know how embarrassing it can be when a superintendent welcomes parents, and comments on how well they are looking since he saw them last year. When the service is ending the same witty gentleman will sadly farewell them, and express the hope of seeing them again next year.

Your dislike of this kind of thing is shared by a large number. Sometimes, it must be conceded, the superintendent speaks his speech with a lightness of touch which offends none but the very sensitive. But there are usually some who have no sense of humor at all, and some who are looking for a reason to feel hurt.

When we invite and encourage rarely seen parents to attend our special services we should be far too happy to see them to risk offending them with words that are either silly or rude. They may have come to see Bill and Jean perform rather than to seek God, but that must not stop us from using the opportunity to help them to find God as a reality in the lives of the children and in the church.

We should do all that can be done to make our anniversary services significant, both as acts of worship and as a witness to the majesty and the love of God. Many Sunday School gatherings do this well. Others fail, and fail badly. Poor leadership, weak singing, and inadequate presentation of children's activities depress rather than impress parents, and they are quite content to stay away for another twelve months. Inappropriate and silly jokes and jibes make things worse rather than better.

If I may repeat some advice previously given in this column, superintendents could well test their intended remarks against these three questions: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

As a general observation, I must add that I do not find many superintendents who are in need of advice or rebuke. It is the rule rather than the exception for superintendents to lead anniversary services with dignity, devotion, and a desire to make parents feel genuinely at home in God's house.

Next Week: Is there a hell?

(Send Questions to the Editor).

## Musings

A Conference President's Week.

**SUN., JULY 15.** — I had one of my rare opportunities of presiding at the Lord's Table this morning while Dr. R. Williams, our outgoing missionary doctor for Dhond, spoke to the church. His words about Christian service, backed up with his own dedication to the task, made a challenging beginning to the day. Tonight at Blackburn, I listened to the B. and F. B. S. General Secretary from London, John Watson. I was impressed by his story of the Bible House in Warsaw, situated on New World-st., with East-st. on one side and West-st. on the other. There's a significance in that worth thinking about.

**MON., JULY 16.** — Tonight, Amelia and I were privileged to be among the guests at the dinner in the Victoria, tendered to Mr. Watson. With the Archbishop of Melbourne regrettably ill, our own R. F. Geyer (former Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres.) chaired the function in his typically gracious way. Both the Lieut. Governor, Sir Edmund Herring, and Mr. Watson had some fine things to say about the Bible's place in today's world.

**TUES., JULY 17.** — Thinking about last night's announcement that Martin Niemoller will be in Melbourne for a meeting on Aug. 27, under the Bible Society's auspices, I turned to Dietmar Schmidt's biography of the controversial German Church leader. I was amused about one of the jokes concerning him that go the rounds in Germany: "What is the difference between a missionary and Niemoller? Answer: A missionary makes savages pious, Niemoller makes the pious savage!" But it took a man of this calibre to stand out against Hitler.

**WED., JULY 18.** — Tonight, with the Conference Secretary and his wife, and also the Conference Treasurer, I went to the Chevron at nine o'clock to meet a group of American church members, passing through on a swift world tour. Despite some hectic sightseeing, they were still eager for church contacts.

**THURS., JULY 19.** — At the H.M. Dept. meeting tonight, we were glad to have Colin Orr present, giving a first-hand report on Tasmanian H.M. enterprise. The Dept. expressed its appreciation of the long and splendid contribution Mr. Orr and Roy Edmunds have made to this work.

**FRI., JULY 20.** — After a day of intense activity, it was good to relax at the enjoyable C.O.B. Annual Concert tonight — a first-rate effort, this.

**SAT., JULY 21.** — A sidelight on courageous Niemoller — he withdrew to the study when parental discipline was needed, saying, "Mother, you do it!"



# HERE AND THERE

The Caulfield (Vic.) church, Bambra-rd., has much pleasure in announcing that Ken Clinton, B.A., B.D., has accepted an interim ministry from Oct. 21 to early March, 1963, when F. A. Youens hopes to commence his ministry.

J. B. Baker has advised the church at Flinders Park, S.A., that he desires to terminate his ministry there by the end of this year.

The executive of the Victorian-Tasmanian Ministers' Association desires to inform ministers that the next meeting will be held at the Churches of Christ Centre, on Mon., Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. Speaker will be Geoffry Barnes, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. — minister, Canterbury Congregational Church — whose subject will be Theological Training and Impressions of the American Religious Scene. Lunch precedes at 1 p.m.—R. E. Hillbrich.

George W. Wood, formerly minister at Hawthorn, S.A., was welcomed into the fellowship at South Perth, W.A., and commenced his ministry on June 17. Already, by his stimulating messages, clear and positive teaching, and his own warm compassion, Mr. Wood has endeared himself to the church, which has taken Mr. and Mrs. Wood and their children into their hearts. South Perth is looking forward to challenging and fruitful days in the service of the Master.

C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.) Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, on Friday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m. Devotions: Mrs. J. Searle, and speaker: The Hon. J. J. Dedman, Freedom from Hunger Campaign on the Inter-Church Level.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.

In May and December every year over a thousand people gather at "Franceliff," the Jersey Stud property of R. C. Broad at Sutton Grange, near Bendigo, Vic. From every State in the Commonwealth they come to inspect and bid on the cattle for sale in the huge pavilion erected on this Jersey Stud property. On Saturday, Aug. 4, the amplifying system that normally carries the bids and details of sale to every corner of the farm will carry the proceedings of the Half-Yearly Convention of the Central and Northern District Conference. Those present will represent churches at Echuca, Rochester, Pyramid Hill, Boort, Swan Hill, Bendigo, Spring Gully, Kangaroo Flat, Harcourt, Castlemaine and Kyneton. Delegates and visitors

to the Convention will travel along the Calder Highway and turn east at the sign "Franceliff" at Faraday, half way between Elphinstone and Harcourt; "Franceliff" is situated on the eastern side of Mt. Alexander on the left. Speakers on the Convention programme include the Presidents of the General and Women's Conferences of Victoria and Tasmania, C. G. Taylor and Mrs. V. Stafford.

Members of Victorian churches are referred to the information in the advertising columns regarding the 1962 Half-yearly Convention. It is hoped this will be the best yet, and that members and groups will plan now to attend.

Churches of Christ authors have been in the news in recent weeks. James Preston, of the church at Black Rock, Vic., is the author of a new novel, entitled "Prison Feud," which has also appeared as a serial in the Melbourne "Herald." An unusual production is Bruce Petty's "South East Asia," mainly composed of sketches made by the well-known Melbourne cartoonist during a recent visit to that part of the world. Mr. Petty is a member at Doncaster, Vic., where he is also an Explorer leader. In recent years he has given his services as cover designer for our Christmas issues.

Much interest has attached to the Australian visit of John Watson, one of the two General Secretaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, who between them share responsibility for the Society's work around the world. A former Methodist minister and missionary, Mr. Watson has revealed a first-hand knowledge of the world situation, together with a passionate belief in, and devotion to, the work of the Bible Society.

Mildura (Vic.) church reports that Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford will complete their valued ministry at the end of the year. The church is pleased to announce the acceptance of the invitation extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cant, presently at Brighton Gardens, S.A. Their ministry will commence early next year. The church is looking forward with keen anticipation to their leadership.

Among the growing number of folk in our churches who have been in consecutive membership with one church for fifty years or more is Mrs. D. Carr (Latrobe-terr., Geelong, Vic.),

who joined the church by faith and baptism on July 11, 1912.

D. Surtees (Woolwich) will commence a full-time ministry, early 1963, with the church at Bowral, N.S.W.

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## College of the Bible Notes

1. The students have appreciated gifts of vegetables, fruit and groceries forwarded by a number of churches.

2. Recent evangelistic missions conducted by students at Hamilton and Maryborough, Vic., yielded splendid results. The churches were strengthened and a number of decisions for Christ resulted. These missions were undertaken by a group of students, and requests have come from other churches for similar activities during College vacation periods.

3. The annual students' concert was held on Friday, July 20, in the M.L.C. hall, Hawthorn, before a very large assembly. A special feature of the pleasing programme was the presentation of the religious play, Angels Unawares, under the direction of A. E. White.

4. As a keen friend of the College from its inception until her long earthly life closed, it was characteristic of the late Mrs. A. E. Skinner, of Essendon (Vic.) church, to remember the College in her will. She had a special interest in Overseas Missions, and her gift will help students training for this work.

5. Young people who are contemplating entering College in 1963 are advised to make enquiries, or send in applications as early as convenient, so that possible accommodation needs can be assessed.

6. During early July the Annual Field Week was conducted. During this week senior students undertook external work by visiting hospitals and clinics for the care of the mentally ill, receiving lectures from chaplains and doctors in these institutions, and thus becoming more aware of, the needs and care of the sick. Another group visited day schools and Colleges, receiving specific instruction, through observation and other means, in the art of presenting the Christian message in day schools. Other students, not thus engaged, were busy in a special series of practical demonstrations and lectures at College in Group Dynamics, led by visiting lecturers.—K. A. Jones.





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Contributed by V. C. Stafford, Director and Editor, Federal Board of Christian Education.

As I write this the streets of Belfast are ringing with gaiety, for this is the eve of July 12. Tomorrow, Orangemen will parade for this annual commemoration of William of Orange, who 272 years ago led his troops in the battle of the Boyne. It is a national holiday for Ulster.

The same Belfast is this month being invaded by 350 delegates from 87 countries. They are attending a series of conferences sponsored by the World Council of Christian Education and the Irish Committee. At Tokyo in 1958, the Sabbath School Society of Northern Ireland invited the 1962 World Institute to this city, marking the centenary of the Society.

Belfast has opened wide its hospitable arms to receive this great company. Many of them attended the

sons. We are to love persons and use things — we often reverse this. We love things and use persons.

"The individual has two relations to persons: 1. He is dependent upon them (a) for acceptance and love; (b) for learning the structures of discipline for living. 2. He is responsible to and for persons (a) for accepting and loving others; (b) for teaching the structures of discipline for living.

### WE HAVE SPECIFIC NEEDS.

"The need to be accepted and loved as a person. Acceptance does not mean approval. It means being accepted as persons of value in spite of what we do. Our human problem is that we need love most when we are most unlovable. Human love is unequal to this demand. A saviour is needed whose power of love cuts into the ambiguities of human love.

"From his experiences of love and acceptance the individual acquires a sense of trust and begins to be an autonomous, deciding person. His struggle between dependence and autonomy, which is necessary to his becoming a person, calls for a protective, guiding, persuasive relationship. The source of man's alienation and estrangement is his inability to accept and obey the law implicit in his relationship with God and neighbor, and which had to be made explicit. The Cross stands as a symbol of what it means to love the unlovable at the moment of its unlovableness.

### THE GOSPEL IN RELATION TO THE WORLD.

"The world is the arena of God's revelation of himself in the form of a human life. He actualised himself as man in order that man might actualise himself as he was created to be: Reconciled and reunited to himself, to man, and to God. The world is the object of God's love; the gospel affirms the individual as a person. The subject matter of our Lord was not religion, but people.

### HELPING CHILDREN BECOME A PART OF THE FELLOWSHIP. WORK AND SERVICE OF THE CHURCH.

"The nature of the world as both the environment of the child and the place of God's action will have

to be accepted; otherwise Christian fellowship will only be a religious fantasy.

"Our incorporation into the fellowship is through God's initiative, not our own. Not by our joining but by our being joined is our membership in the fellowship achieved.

"Training for participation in the fellowship is the great task of Christian education and is accomplished through (1) the language of relationships — by living together with one another, which provides the experience of life and its meanings, and (2) the language of words — the Christian teaching which provides the interpretation of life and its meaning.

### BEWARE THE "INCH-WORM"!

"We must help the Church and its children to know that they are the fellowship of the forgiven and forgiving, rather than a society of the righteous blindly following the heresy of moralism, which so widely prevails among Christians.

"Many so-called Christians live as if Christ had lived and died in vain. They profess that in Christ God reconciled the world to himself, but they do not seem to believe what they profess because they act as if they have to reconcile themselves to God by their own good works; as if they are Christians only as long as they are good, etc.

"Our obedience is not the source of our relation with God, but our grateful response to what he has done for us.

"We must help children avoid the moral 'inch-worm' approach to Christian living as if they could morally 'inch' their way into the Kingdom; and, instead, help them to depend on the Spirit of Christ to accomplish his work in and through them.

"Christian education must accept the contributions to the curriculum that are to be found in the child and his needs, in the world and its nature, and in the Church and its various means of grace. The purpose of Christian education is to help the child not only to be and become a literate member of the Church, but also to be a means of God's working in the world, one through whom, in life and word, God can make his appeal."

### WORLD THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SEMINAR, JUNE 30-JULY 7.

Under the theme, *The Teaching Ministry of the Church*, the seminar considered such subjects as *The Gospel, the Church and the World* (address, Dr. William Stewart, India); *The Theology of Christian Education* (Dr. David Hunter, U.S.A.); *The Teaching Ministry in Historical Perspective* (Jose Miguez Bonino, Argentina); *The Eternal Word and Contemporary Needs* (Dr. Gerald Knoff, U.S.A.); *Practical Implications of Biblical and Theological Thought for Christian Nurture* (Dr. Yun Kuk Kim, Korea); *Practical Implications of Biblical and Theological Thought for Ministerial Training* (Prof. Roland Busch, Australia).

### CHILDREN'S WORK CONSULTATION.

Dr. Reuel L. Howe led the thinking of 70 other delegates in this consultation, July 4-6, on the theme, *The Child in Today's World*. Some extracts from Dr. Howe's presentations may indicate the range and content of these sessions.

Speaking of the child and his needs, Reuel Howe said, "Human need can be understood only in relation to the nature and origin of man. He is made in the image of God who is love. Love is both personal and relational. An individual is born out of and into relationship. Our most important environment is the world of persons. The world of things gets its meaning from the world of per-





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

Margaret Rimes, Joan Ross, Carol Weatherley, Denise Aspinall, Susan Hanmer, Joan and John Whimpey, Edward Allen, West Preston, Vic.

Lynette Cooper, Gwen and Trevor Purcell, Tony Hill, Fullarton, S.A.  
Rhonda Mackenzie, James Creek, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Fay Baker and Marjorie Parker, Boronia, Vic.

Carol McCormack, Chelsea, Vic.

John Sheppard, Phillip Vincent, Garry Althorpe, Mrs. Vetch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mulvaney, Subiaco, W.A.

Miss G. Kneale, C. Pearton, Maylands, W.A.

Peter Christie, Lorraine Conley, Stuart Furler, Lynette Genet, Ray Knight, Elizabeth Wade, Canberra, A.C.T.

Mrs. Jansen, Miss Jean Billing, Beulah Road, S.A.

## Membership

Dr. David Cox, Fullarton, S.A. to United Church, Darwin, N.T.

Mrs. C. Ward, from Dawson-st., Ballarat; Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, from Preston to Chelsea, Vic.

Mrs. V. Leahy, from Washington, D.C., U.S.A., to Malvern, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Vincent, from Wembley; Mrs. T. Downes, from Dalkeith-rd.; R. Thornton, from Kalgoolie; Miss O. Twyford, from Mukinbudin; Mr. and Mrs. Althorpe (isolated), to Subiaco, W.A.

Mrs. Mansell, John Mansell, Mrs. Johnson, Dawn and Pamela Johnson, June Hoskins, Maureen Black, Margaret Erskine, Joan Morgan, Gwen Yule, from Wiley Park to Bankstown, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Paine, Northam to Perth, W.A.

## Marriage

Beverley Milne to Ron Merrifield, Beulah Road, S.A.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. A. Harris, Fullarton, S.A.

Mrs. B. Thornber, Wiley Park, N.S.W.

John Brown, Subiaco, W.A.

W. Beck, Mrs. R. Ewers, Perth, W.A.

## AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — H. M. Long (Epping, N.S.W.) guest preacher for 11th anniversary services, July 8, when 205 attended a.m., 154 p.m., and 185 communed. Six baptisms at night, and special singing by ladies' choir. Church stewardship dinner enjoyed by 135 adults on 11th, and corresponding function by 70 Y.P. on 14th. Church enthusiastically planning to extend work to projected satellite city in South Canberra. On 15th, F. Berry, L. Conley, R. Johnson, S. McKay, S. Moignard and A. Ongley set aside as associate ministers, with special commitment to pastoral work. Attendance 201 a.m., 102 p.m., with 185 communing.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

North Perth (J. K. Robinson). — 57th church anniversary July 8. G. Gordon (W.A. Conf. Pres.) addressed a.m. meeting. C.M.S. held monthly meeting at home of minister. Dixie Willis, State athlete, addressed Y.P. at youth tea, July 1. C.Y.F. held thanksgiving service and collected groceries for Social Service Dept. B. Clarke (S.C.M.) addressed church, June 24. D. Robinson in hospital; D. Meldrum back at services after illness. A. Morris (Inglewood) conducted mid-week prayer and Bible study meeting. Communion services well attended.

Maylands (L. G. Cooke). — Interest and attendances increased since church family dinner, June 23, when 140 attended social evening. Every-member-present Sunday, 24th, with good attendances resulting. During month two have been baptised following their confessions of faith. Visiting speaker has been A. W. Morris (Inglewood). Officers' Board participated in church service, 24th. B.S. held annual staff dinner, July 13, with 22 attending. R. K. Durbidge is home for 4 months from Kendenup; W. Smith seriously ill in hospital, and M. Wyss undergoing surgery.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Successful banquet to celebrate opening of Fel-

lowship Hall; C. Flood guest speaker. Presentation to Peter Hunt (architect) and J. Edwards (builder). J.C.E. Happy Hour held weekly; Sis. Smith and Sis. Ruth Brown bringing happiness to 70 children. G.L.B. display awards presented. Drama club commenced. Eleven members received into fellowship. John Brown called Home, after 30 years of faithful service as choir member. Church expresses sympathy and love to Mrs. Brown and family. Golden social to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. H. Vawser's golden wedding. Happy time of fellowship enjoyed and presentations made.

Beaufort-st., Perth (M. J. Savage). — Services continue to be well supported as present ministry draws to close at end of July. C.W.F. made presentation to Mrs. M. Way on her 90th birthday. Youth Club held concert and film night in aid of Beaufort Boys' Club, now meeting Sat. mornings. Third P.S.A., with Evelyn Thompson at organ, Eric Osboine (tenor) and F. Norton (Director, Art Gallery) speaking on Art For Everyman, well attended and most enjoyable. Church extends sympathy to family of Mrs. R. Ewers, who received Home call recently, after being associated with church since its inception. Mr. Savage conducted full day's retreat for deaconesses of Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches. Our own Social Service Deaconess, Mrs. M. Robertson, also attended.

## QUEENSLAND

Dalby (P. C. Woolford). — Fellowship and slides both appreciated during visit by R. McLean. Attendances down over past weeks, due to winter ailments. Tenders for new buildings received and being considered. Mr. Blamires (Home and Family Week) spoke July 15. Minister new sec. of B. & F. B. S. Midweek prayer meetings better attended. Ladies' prayer meeting for mission success continues, as does early morning church prayer meeting.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Wiley Park (C. Bowser). — Building packed to doors, July 7, for concert prepared and presented by George Marley (Carramar) and his fellow-artists. Collection taken and approx. £27/10/- added to Church Building Fund. Sympathy and prayers extended to relatives and friends of late Mrs. Beatrice Thornber.



**Belmore** (P. E. Thomas). — Plans being formulated by Y.P. for beach mission at Corrimal at Christmas; all in process of training for various parts. Prayer letters have been sent out with ready response in some quarters. C.E. looking forward to World Convention. Some have joined C.E. choir. Church well represented on brotherhood Committees; 13 in all. Services continue to be well attended; all enjoying renewed fellowship with interim minister.

**Epping** (H. M. Long). — C.W.E.F. celebrated 2nd anniversary, with cabaret evening; ladies of afternoon group guests. At midweek meeting, July 4 speaker, W. Anderson (Oriental Missionary Soc.) told of work in India. Minister guest speaker at Canberra church anniversary, weekend 7th-8th. In his absence speakers were L. Hall (Social Service Com.) a.m., and in evening representatives of Gideon International, Messrs. Tout and Weekley. Chapel interior and exterior being renovated.

**Bowral** (S. Thomas). — B.S. scholar made good confession, July 8. Church appreciates assistance of visitors, including speakers R. Foletta, D. Surtees, R. Beadle, K. Crawford. Working bees busy preparing manse for official opening, Sept. 29. Women continue to bring gospel in song to patients of District Hospital on Sundays. Church looking forward to full-time ministry with D. Surtees.

**Murwillumbah** (G. B. Davis). — June and July brought fellowship of special nature to church, linking it with brotherhood and other congregations. N.S.W. Conf. Pres., L. Wylie, and Mrs. Wylie, guests June 15-17, to discuss work of Conference Executive and changes currently taking place in administration of church business. Mrs. Wylie met ladies at cottage meeting on Fri. night; on Sat. afternoon picnic arranged in foothills of Mt. Warning, where church members were able to chat with Pres. in informal atmosphere. Mr. Wylie addressed morning service, 17th, and moved on to Lismore in afternoon. Anniversary of church celebrated June 30-July 1, and M. Pieper (Albion) was welcomed with Mrs. Pieper and family as special guests, Mr. Pieper preaching Sat. evening and Sunday. Work of Social Service and C.F.A. theme on 8th, when Mr. and Mrs. Cole were guests. At morning service, Mr. Cole spoke on expansion of the work being done at Pendle Hill, and less conspicuous, but dedicated, work among prisoners and others of deep misfortune. Ministry of G. Davis and wife proving great blessing.

**Rockdale** (C. J. Mackenzie). — Church farewell Kevin Kilner for 5 months, on overseas naval duties. Every Sunday morning during July, member of Rockdale speaking on Aristocrats in

the Kingdom of God. On July 8, a.m., church witnessed baptism of two Y.P.; B.S. scholars stayed for service. Missionary theme given by G. Croot. Boys, matron and supt. of Dunmore House, Pendle Hill, church Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade were amongst 70 who sat down for tea. 110 attended evening service. Mr. Dalton, supt. of Home, spoke about their recent visit to New Guinea. Church honored Lois Hawkins on her coming of age.

**Bankstown** (S. C. Rogers). — C.W.F. had demonstration meeting July 12. Y.P. had "platter" evening at Mrs. Bowie's home, 14th, when 34 played their records. Church expresses sympathy to Mrs. Jurd in death of husband. Mrs. Steadman welcomed back after illness. Girl made decision, 15th.

**Inverell** (G. H. Earle). — Boys' and Girls' Club held "progressive" tea, July 7, visiting homes of various members during evening. Youth tea held 15th, when visiting speaker from Scripture Union addressed large gathering of Y.P. Several of Teenagers' Fellowship took part in gospel service. Y.P. sang and C. Dick played saxophone solo. C.W.F. combined with women of other churches to hear address in Presbyterian Church by Indian missionary, July 18.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Tumby Bay** (D. P. Holloway). — Additions to church building nearing completion. Opening and dedication service planned for Aug. 19. Ladies' Guild purchased carpet; and other auxiliaries, church furnishings. Church rejoices in return of Sis. Proude, after major surgery. Baptismal service June 17, when young man immersed.

**Flinders Park** (J. B. Baker). — C.W.F. took church service, June 24. Sat. morning gym. club now has 70 attending; three age groups are taught by Marlene Bridges, teenage youth worker. Guidance committee of 4 ladies arranging making of tunics for club members.

**Fullarton** (M. D. Williams). — Excellent attendances a.m. Church anniversary, June 17; special offering for pews, £80. Guests from Christian Rest Home contributed £25 of this amount. Mr. Poulter, sen., meeting with church again after serious illness. Four B.S. scholars baptised recently and received into church fellowship. July 8. Church business meeting, 10th. Luncheon, 11th, marked 36th anniversary of Ladies' Guild, 125 being present; Mrs. Fnx, speaker. Church sympathises with A. Harris and family in Home call of Mrs. Harris.

**Hampstead Gardens** (K. B. Marriott). — Work in all depts. heartening. Efforts made to cater for many

Y.P. of community, with promising response. Youth tea, July 1, followed by youth service, in which Y.P. assisted. A. Jones (Social Service Dept.) a.m. speaker, 15th. Three-year programme of aims and outreach presented to church. C.W.A.F. active in sewing and mending for Aborigines Dept. and Morialta Children's Home.

**Mile End** (A. E. Brown - interim). — Two big events in July were amateur play night by B.S. and a C.Y.F., attended by 150. C.Y.F. arranged brotherhood debate, Teenagers of Today Are Delinquent, at which 220 from various churches attended. Teenagers from Mile End visited Elizabeth gospel service, staying to fellowship and supper. Similar visit made to Gawler, with Mile End youth taking whole service, 15th. Stephen Thomas (Woolwich) home for a weekend and showed slides of work at Bowral, N.S.W., at after-church fellowship. First full year of budget shows total giving to brotherhood Depts. of £1,715, an increase of £158 over previous year.

**Beulah-rd.** (R. Clymer). — Church anniversary in June; Conf. Pres. (C. Curtis) delivered gospel message. Temple Day offering, £205. A. Cant, speaker at church dedication service; Miss Muir, soloist. Koongarra C.W.F. presented enjoyable programme at C.W.F. evening meeting. Y.P. visited Lochiel Boys' Home. Church procured two table tennis tables for use of Y.P. Heaters installed in chapel. Two ladies added by faith and baptism. Overseas offering, £122. Church membership class formed. Church thankful for restoration to health of Mrs. Jeffreys. Mrs. Saunders recovering after surgery.

**Dulwich** (S. Neighbour, B.A.). — As from Aug. 5, church morning programme to be B.S. and adult study group, 9.40 a.m. (formerly 11.30), and worship service, 11 a.m. (formerly 10.30). I. J. Chivell (S.A. Conf. Sec.) addressed church on stewardship and budgeting. C.Y.F. talks given by Linda Brune (travel) and R. Clymer. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard on overseas trip.

**Clovelly Park** (J. C. Cunningham). — Y.P. prayer meeting recently commenced, with 20 present. C.Y.F. held progressive tea with film, *Angel in Ebony*, under leadership of H. Meinal, recently elected C.Y.F. leader. Youth tea 15th, with I. J. Chivell (Conf. Sec.) as speaker. Building extensions in hand for near future. All auxiliaries and youth groups well attended.

## VICTORIA

**Boronia** (J. A. Manallack). — Av. for June: 148 a.m.; 60 p.m.; 135 communicants. All youth auxiliaries very well attended, with Good Companions recording 59 recently, Explorers 40



and C.Y.F. averaging 36. Explorers were third in both sections recent zone indoor sports. Chapel continues to be filled to capacity Sunday mornings; officers investigating ways of extending building. Members discussing ongoing Mission of the Church at regular after-church fellowship and other special meetings. F. T. Morgan spoke of work as school chaplain at C.M.S. meeting. C.Y.F. visited Ivanhoe for social evening.

**Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas).** — Good Companions had two busy Sat. nights, firstly fancy dress social in hall, attended by 60, and trip to Arts and Drama Festival. Senior Explorers attended sports final, North Fitzroy. One welcomed by faith and obedience, and 3 by transfer, July 8. Mrs. E. Heard spoke to C.W.F., 10th.

**Malvern (G. J. Crossman).** — Speaker, July 15 a.m., in *Know Your Brotherhood* series, was W. A. Jenkins, Sec. Aborigines Com. L. Finger, soloist p.m. C.W.F. held successful Aborigines afternoon, at which Mrs. Johnson, an Aboriginal woman, was soloist.

**North Williamstown (R. C. Bust).** — C.W.E.F. visited Mt. Royal Home and supplied evening meal for 40 of the residents. W.M.B. visited Emmaus and entertained guests. F. F. Byatt (Inter-Church Aid) spoke at C.M.S. tea and p.m. service, July 15. Working bees erecting carport and manse, and clearing up building surroundings. Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Jeremiah, H. Myerscough in hospital. Several other members ill at home. Good Companions, with Joan Neville as conductress, gained 2nd place in choral contest of G. C. Arts and Drama Festival.

**West Preston (T. T. Robinson).** — Av. June attendances: 140 a.m.; 113 p.m.; 123 communicants. Y.P. visited Heidelberg Repat. Hospital, June 21. Y.P.C.E. held house party. V. Longthorp (Dept. Christian Ed.) a.m. speaker, July 1. B.S. juniors had indoor sports night with parents, 6th. Fourth Preston Girl Guides paraded a.m., 1st. Senior Explorers won Northern zone indoor sports comp. C.W.A.F. attended Northcote birthday, June 20. 60 members and friends attended Colingwood for farewell to Dr. and Mrs. R. Williams. *The Beginning* screened July 1, at after-church fellowship.

**Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).** — C.W.F. attended annual meeting of Ballarat branch Aborigines Advancement League. Four members took part in play, *After the Resurrection*. Resignation of Colin Hood as song-leader received with regret. Des. Feary new song-leader. Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Schenk, Sandra Murphy, Judith Clarke, added to B.S. teaching staff. Three new classrooms ready for use in B.S. and work proceeding on others. Minister, and D. Feary as helper,

took services at St. Arnaud. A. Graham and R. McLeod taking services in his absence, July 1. Prayer and Bible study meetings holding interest. Ivan Crowley returned to fellowship after hospitalisation. Mrs. Jackel recovering from illness, though still confined to her home. Church extended sympathy to Mrs. J. Feary and family in loss of her father.

**Springvale (J. G. Shaw).** — Kinder hall completed and formally opened during P.S.A., at which local people rendered items. *A Man Called Peter* screened, following all-members-present tea, June 30, when missionary project was outlined. C.M.S. held debate, 29th. Youth tea, July 15; speaker, Mr. Fry (Scripture Union).

**Brighton (S. H. Wilson).** — On June 24, S.C.F. entertained C. of C. University Association to tea; speaker, Dr. Peter Fencham. Later, S.C.F. took gospel service, with E. L. Williams speaker. 150 attended excellent church "get-together" in school hall. B.S. collected several cartons of medicines, etc., for New Guinea. E. W. Heard speaker at Church School and worship service. 50 attended "progressive" dinner, run by C.W.E.F. Cooking demonstration arranged by C.W.F. well attended. Issue of Budget News, No. 2, creating interest in Christian stewardship. Interstate visitors have been Mrs. A. Cox (Tas.) and Mr. and Mrs. Staker (Henley Beach). Sympathy extended to following who have suffered bereavements: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Youens, Brough family, Emmett family.

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## Three Crowded Youth Meetings

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1. The final of the Good Companions clubs' Art Festival was held at North Richmond hall. Over 350 people listened to the programme with intense interest from the beginning to the end. The following clubs took home the honors:—

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The evening concluded with four choirs combining to sing, "The Lord is My Shepherd."

2. The final of the Junior Explorers' Indoor Sports was held at North Fitzroy hall. This year it was found necessary to take two nights for the finals. The senior boys, 12 to 14 years, held their finals on the previous Saturday night, and the juniors, under 12 years, on July 14. W. F. Newham told the audience of 150 people that the competitors were all champions, because all 8 clubs had been victors in their zones a few weeks before. It turned out a night of excitement and keen competition, with Chelsea becoming Junior champions, and Carnegie in second place.

3. Club 4. In a casual atmosphere, over 500 young people met at Nicholas Hall, on Sat., July 14, for the Club 4 programme. As the narrator told the story of Jazz, from its Negro beginnings, the band and a folk singer gave examples of the various types of jazz music. During the "time for talking" break, young people mingled together and talked over coffee, soup or coke. In the second part of the programme, the compere introduced Miss Club 4 for 1962, Miss Nada Lyons, and made an appropriate presentation. Terry Lane gave a short challenge to the young people, and following the enjoyment of more music, the evening climaxed in worship.—L. A. Trezise, Director.

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## A Parent's Prayer

Dear Lord,

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### DEATHS

PETTERD. — On July 10, 1962 (suddenly), Richard Frederick (Fred.), at his residence, 19 Gladstone-st., Warrnambool, Vic., loved son of the late Richard Forrester and Susanna Violet Petterd, loved brother of Muriel (Mrs. F. H. Wooles), loved brother-in-law of Fred., devoted and loved uncle of Ian and Kenneth. Age 50 years. Peacefully sleeping.

EWERS. — On June 28, Catherine Annie, at the home of her daughter, 58 Alexander-st., Wembley, W.A., wife of the late Robert William Ewers; mother of Grace (Mrs. L. H. Park), Dorothy (Mrs. A. G. Elliott), David (dec.), and Frank; mother-in-law of Lewis, Allen, Marjorie and Jean; grandmother of Margaret, Roberta, Frances, Dorothy, Georgina, Franklyn, George, Lynette, Robert, Michael and Rosemary; aged 83. "Absent from the body . . . present with the Lord."

SELBY. — On July 13 (suddenly) at his home, Bridge-rd., Dandenong, Vic., Frederick John, beloved husband of Alice, and loving father of Mavis (Mrs. Crawford), father-in-law of Gerald, loved poppa of Ken, Brian and Frederick. "He giveth his beloved sleep."

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**Mrs. B. M. Thornber.**

The Home call of Sister Mrs. Beatrice May Thornber, at the age of 79 years, has left the Church of Christ at Wiley Park, N.S.W., very much the poorer. This dear servant of the Lord was faithful in her activities right to the end. She was regular in her attendance at the midweek prayer meeting and the gospel services, and her presence is sadly missed by all who knew her. Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out for her relatives and close friends.—Mrs. L. D. Swan.



R. H. Sunderland, B.A., minister of the Methodist Church, Mornington, Vic., has been appointed Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches. Mr. Sunderland, married, with three children, succeeds D. A. Robinson, who has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth, S.A. In 1956, Mr. Sunderland participated in two important ecumenical Conferences — the first National Theological Teachers' Conference in Melbourne and the Conference on Theological Education in South East Asia, held in Bangkok. On both these occasions he met many of the leaders of the World Council of Churches. Between 1957 and 1960, Mr. Sunderland was minister of the United Methodist and Presbyterian Church at Apollo Bay, Vic. In the interim period before Mr. Sunderland takes up his duties as Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches, J. D. Northey, of the Congregational Church, will be Acting-Secretary.

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## Women's News

(See also p. 454).

### VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

President, Mrs. Stafford, welcomed all present (140) to the Council meeting at the Centre on Fri., July 6, and introduced devotional leader, Mrs. J. Manallack — the theme being **Friendship**. Fourteen apologies were recorded. A special welcome was extended to Mrs. Williams who, with her husband, Dr. Williams, will be leaving for India as our new missionaries in the near future. A gift of a book, with the assurance of real interest and prayers, was made on behalf of C.W.F. Because July is Overseas Mission Month, Mrs. E. L. Williams (Secretary, Overseas Committee) was the speaker, **One Mission to the Whole World**.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and received. The President informed Council that the Executive had appointed a sub-committee to deal with the planning and progress of **Woman to Woman Evangelism**, and had appointed the following — Mrs. Amos (convener), Mds. Strack, Dickson, Searle and Sterling, together with President and Secretary of C.W.F. Executive appointed the following to the Nominating Committee — Mds. Amos, Randall, Sterling, together with President and Secretary and Supt. of each Committee — ratified.

After conferring with Conference Executive regarding increasing need for larger accommodation for Women's Day of Conference, the Executive stated that, "after careful thought and prayers, your Executive would like to recommend a change of location for C.W.F. Day of Conference, and that the change be made from Lygon-st. to St. Kilda Town Hall, as from Conference, 1963." This was carried unanimously. The Treasurer presented the financial statement.

Prayers were offered for the families and friends of bereaved — Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Barkla, Mrs. Sandells, Mr. Brough; for those ill and in hospital — Mr. Coventry, Mr. Nankivell, Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Trezise. The President closed the meeting with the benediction.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.

### W.C.W.F. PRAYER FOR JULY

For Mrs. Esther Maldonado, our World C.W.F. President, that God may help her in all her work; Mrs. H. I. Digwood, Vice-President, and Miss Helen F. Spaulding, Secretary-Treasurer, that they may be good helpers to our President, so the work of the World C.W.F. may grow each day. Pray for each executive committee member.

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