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## The Australian Churches Welcome . . .

### Mr. and Mrs. WALTER J. LANTZ

It is always good to have brethren from other countries visit us. Next month we will be glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lantz, who begin a six month visit to Australia. This is no holiday trip, however. Mr. Lantz and his wife are coming to us, prepared to work hard in the many tasks of Christian Education. As guests of the Victorian-Tasmanian Department of Christian Education, they will be sharing in the many phases of children's youth and adult work.

Mr. Lantz is the National Director of Adult Work and Family Life section of the Department of Christian Education, of the United Christian Missionary Society.

The U.C.M.S. is one of the major agencies of the Disciples of Christ, U.S.A. In 1958, Mr. Lantz became director of adult work, having previously served for three years as national youth director for the U.C.M.S. Since 1961, he has added Family Life work to his other duties.

They will do most of their work in Victoria, but there is little doubt that the extensive work programme will influence the thinking and attitudes towards Christian Education throughout the entire community for years to come.

These are the kind of tasks in which Mr. Lantz will be engaged:

Guest Adviser to the Departments' newly formed Adult Education Group.

Working with local C.Y.F. groups and their Counsellors.

Sharing the leadership of a special C.Y.F. Adult Counsellors' Training Course.

Working with adult groups in local church.

Meeting with ministers in a two-day Conference.

Meeting with students of the Federal College of the Bible in a workshop experience on Christian Education.



Walter J. Lantz.

Attending Federal Conference as a Fraternal delegate.

Attending the national Youth Convention as a trainer of discussion group leaders.

These are vital areas in the Church's pioneer thinking of her mission and witness. We are grateful to our American brethren for making it possible for Mr. Lantz to share with us in these things. We pray that our Heavenly Father will enrich both their lives and ours, as they minister with all who serve Christ in the work of Christian Education.—L. A. Trezise.



## Inter-Church Aid Helps Churches

Frequently reference is made to the help of Inter-Church Aid given to meet refugee needs or for the relief of distress following natural disasters.

Help to meet the ongoing needs in the life of the churches can so easily be overlooked. The following letter from the secretary — John C. Kamau — of the Christian Council of Kenya, to Frank F. Byatt, National Secretary, is one of many from churches in Africa, Europe and Asia, expressing their gratitude and reporting the use made of resources received from Australia.

Quote:

"Nairobi, 16th August, 1962—

At a meeting held by the 3R's Committee recently, I reported that we had now received the money from Australia. The Committee was very pleased to note that very good work had been done with £A.500 in that we used it to help pay overdue stipends of some church ministers who had not received their wages for a number of months, and in one case, for one year. This was due to the prolonged drought which made it impossible for some people to contribute as they would like to the church funds.

For your information, we budgeted and advanced money to churches concerned on the assumption that an Australian pound was equivalent to the English pound. We do not intend that you should take any action, but I felt you would like to hear how the money was spent. It was also used in one case, to buy corrugated iron sheets for re-roofing a church building that had been devastated by floods."

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## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"  
of Aug. 29, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

**Baptists and Churches of Christ.**—  
On Wed., Aug. 14, a conference of  
Victorian representatives of the Bap-  
tists and Churches of Christ was held  
with a view to promoting closer fel-  
lowship, and, where possible, co-  
operation. It was felt on both sides  
that, under present conditions, union  
was not possible, but that the pro-  
motion of a friendlier feeling was  
not only possible but earnestly desir-  
able. H. H. Jeffs (Baptist) read a  
paper, and it was agreed that a  
representative of Churches of Christ  
should reply to the paper at a meet-  
ing to be held next month.

**Dr. Scoville's Plans.**— It was ex-  
pected that Charles Reign Scoville and  
some members of his party would  
return to America via Melbourne and  
Sydney, but we now hear that all  
the party will return via England,  
and consequently will take their de-  
parture from Adelaide at the close  
of the mission there, leaving on Sept.  
6. The number of decisions in the  
Adelaide mission now stands at 647.

**S.A. Conference Statistics.**— During  
the twelve months closing July 31,  
613 were added to the churches by  
faith and baptism, 38 more than last  
year, which was a record. 586 were  
added by letter, 5 formerly immersed,  
and 29 restored. The losses were 54  
by death, 476 by revision of roll, and  
413 by letter. There are now 41 chur-  
ches, with 5,824 members, and 36  
schools, with 442 teachers and 4,400  
scholars . . . The losses by revision  
of roll were unusually great, one  
church removing 100 names and an-  
other 167. Just why churches should  
send in misleading reports for several  
years, and then suddenly purge their  
rolls, is not very clear.

**Items of Interest.**— Details have  
been received from America concern-  
ing the death of G. L. Surber, who  
returned there from Australia in 1872  
after a great ministry at Lygon-st.  
He died following a stroke . . . We  
hear that H. G. Harward has received  
an invitation to take up the work  
in New South Wales as State evan-  
gelist, and that he is likely to accept  
it . . . The Bible School at Box  
Hill, Vic., has more than trebled in  
fourteen months, with H. Henley the  
energetic supt. . . . Last Sunday  
night at the Hagger-Clay mission at  
Colac, Vic., there was an attendance  
of 500, larger than on the previous  
Sunday, and one splendid feature was  
the number of men present. It is  
thought that 60 or 70 per cent of  
the meeting were men. This followed  
an afternoon temperance meeting, with  
about 400 present.



The Editor writes a second letter on . . .

# THE MOVEMENT WE LOVE

Dear Harry,

In last week's letter, I tried to summarise for you something of the history of Churches of Christ. This time I would like to make a start on discussing some of the basic convictions we hold as a people. Remember that what I'm writing now is a personal statement; as you know, our churches have always been opposed to written creeds as tests of fellowship, and none such has ever been composed and made binding on our people. But while emphases may vary, I hope that what I write will help you to see the strength of the convictions that unite us.

For example, look at the two-fold emphasis on

## RESTORATION AND UNION.

These are twin ideals which, even in my sketchy outline last week, I hope you could see emerging in the history of our churches. Some have emphasised one more than the other — some even one against the other — but they belong together. Thomas Campbell saw that clearly enough when, in his Declaration and Address, he not only urged that "the Church of Christ on earth is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one," but also, in advocating unity, went on to ask, "Who would not willingly conform to the original pattern laid down in the New Testament for this happy purpose?"

But what is this "original pattern"? Does the New Testament supply us with a "blue-print," perfect in every detail? On the contrary, some scholars have argued that there are many patterns of churches in the New Testament. But we believe, as Principal Williams has well said, that "there are principles, precepts and precedents by which we must be guided. We have facts and commandments which give us a foundation, and there is a framework within which we must build, and within which all development must take place. Nothing which is contrary to what is clearly given can have any place in the Church, and nothing can be made binding on any Christian for which there is no clear imperative through principle, precept or precedent."

We see the restoration of the New Testament Church, in its spirit as well as in its practice, as the essential plan behind the plea for union. This saves us from being the kind of impotent people who adopt a vaguely benevolent "unity-at-any-price" approach. But there is an opposite danger which I hope you'll learn to recognise and fight against — that

kind of deadening legalism which, in its attempts to restore forms, adopts a "holier-than-thou" exclusiveness. Some have embraced extremes like these. It takes both courage and vision to walk the tightrope between them. But as churches that is our task — to insist that the basis for union can be found in New Testament truth, as accepted by "the competent, qualified spiritual scholarship of the Church in all ages," with a readiness



The late Reg Enniss — the only Australian to date to serve as World Convention President, Melbourne, 1952.

to discard anything in the Church's life contrary to that New Testament faith and practice. At the same time, we must be prepared to adventure more in love and understanding with our fellow-Christians in other Churches. Together we have much to learn — not only about each other, but about God's will for us all. And, surely, part of that Divine purpose is Christian union!

Fundamental emphases like these spring from what we believe about both

## BIBLE AND CHURCH

and we must take time to try to make those convictions clear now.

As you know, "Back to the Bible!" has been a watchword amongst us, as well as among other earnest groups in the Church's history. When you were welcomed into church member-

ship, you were handed a New Testament and told to read it carefully, as the Book containing "our only rule of faith and practice." Churches of Christ have always urged that Christians should know their Bibles — and especially their New Testaments. Dr. William Robinson tells us that in many of our early churches, both in Great Britain and America, at least one-third of the members could read their Greek Testament! We may not reach quite that standard, but unless we are a Bible-reading, Bible-studying people, we have no real future as Churches.

The Scriptures are especially important to Churches of Christ because, as I said at the start of this letter, we have no written creed. Our forefathers rejected all human creeds because they were used as tests of fellowship, and so contributed to division in the Church. For the same reason, we refuse to accept or frame for ourselves any other creed than the fundamental truth contained in Peter's great confession of his Lord as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 16). That is our test of fellowship. This doesn't mean that help and encouragement cannot be found in such historic documents as the Apostles' Creed. But it does mean that such statements are rejected when used to enforce uniformity. Instead, we have asserted, "No creed but Christ," which means that the Book which gives us the facts about him, and shows the revelation of God climaxed in him, has for us an unrivalled importance. Here God speaks. Here is divinely inspired authority. But we do not worship the Bible as such; rather, we worship the Lord whom the Bible reveals.

It is because of this emphasis on the Lordship of Christ as revealed in the Bible that we have urged Bible names for his Church — hence Churches of Christ, Disciples of Christ (America). Such names are not used in any exclusive sense; as has often been said, "We are Christians only, not the only Christians." Members of the Church are those who have expressed their faith in Christ, and their own repentance, by making a public confession of that faith and being baptised. This, it has seemed to us from a careful study of the conversions recounted in the Book of Acts, was the normal basis of New Testament membership. New Testament evidence has also been accepted as supporting a congregational form of government, so that individual churches elect deacons (and sometimes elders) and other needed church



officers. Ministers are called by each church. This system is not without its critics in our own ranks today, but it persists as common practice. These individual congregations co-operate on the State, federal and international levels in conferences and conventions. In the case of State and Federal Conferences in Australia, resolutions may be passed and referred to elected departments or committees, which give leadership in task on which the churches have agreed to work together — Missions, Christian education, social service, etc. On certain matters, advice and help are available to individual churches on request. In all the States, there is a growing body of full-time leadership

for the various forms of co-operative service. In recent years, full-time Conference Secretaries have been appointed in South Australia and Victoria. Conference Presidents are elected annually at all State Conferences, and every second year on the Federal level.

We co-operate with others in inter-church matters, ever challenged by the insistence of the New Testament on the oneness of the Church. Churches of Christ belong to the Australian Council of Churches; our representatives have been at the great gatherings of the World Council of Churches. Some are strongly opposed to such representation, and resolutions of both New South Wales and Tas-

manian Conferences have been against it. The issue has twice been keenly debated in the Victorian Conference, and on both occasions affiliation with the Council has been endorsed. The co-operative work of the Council is well supported in many ways throughout Australia. At the same time, it should be remembered that many of those who oppose the World Council have shown themselves ready to co-operate in Christian service on other levels — such as in evangelism and missionary enterprise.

In my final letter next week I want us to think of what baptism and the Lord's Supper mean to us, and the place of our ministry and service in the life of the Church.

## New World Convention Appointment

One of the finest of our younger American ministers has been elected unanimously by the Executive Committee of the World Convention as Associate General Secretary. He is Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick, of New York City. He will begin his work with the World Convention on Feb. 1, 1963.

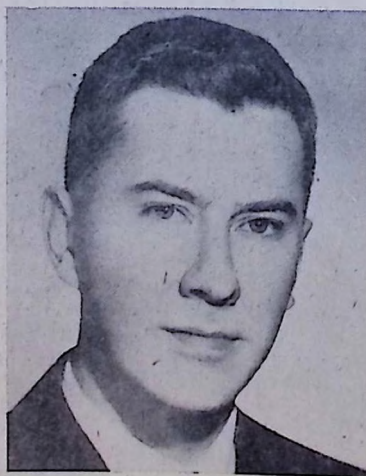
This young man is a native son of Oklahoma. He was born in 1930 at Chickasha. He attended the public schools of this city and graduated from its high school in 1948. He has an A.B. degree from Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma; a B.D. degree from Yale Divinity School at New Haven, Connecticut; and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University of New York City.

During the ministry of Dr. Hallie Gantz at the First Christian Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Kirkpatrick was the assistant minister in 1955 and 1956. After serving in a brief pastorate with the Mt. Healthy Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was for three years a minister of the First Christian Church at Wellington, Kansas. During this time he had a successful ministry. One of the achievements was the erection of a modern religious education building.

Dr. Kirkpatrick has had an extensive experience in youth work in his own communion, the Disciples of Christ, and also interdenominationally through the United Christian Youth Movement. With students, he served as a staff member in the Department of Student Work of the United Christian Missionary Society of Indianapolis, Indiana. He participated in the first overseas Caravan of a Disciples Student Service Project. He was one of four students who went to Great Britain to meet with youth groups of Churches of Christ (Dis-

**DR. LAURENCE V. KIRKPATRICK**  
called to be  
**ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY**  
of the  
**WORLD CONVENTION OF**  
**CHURCHES OF CHRIST**  
**(DISCIPLES).**

ciples). He served also on the Executive Committee of the United Student Christian Council, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the University Christian Mission of the National Council of Churches. While attending Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University he was adviser to students from abroad at International House, New York City.



**Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick,**  
New York, New York.

On Feb. 15, 1961, Dr. Kirkpatrick became a member of the staff in the New York office of the World Coun-

cil of Christian Education and Sunday School Association. He will continue his services with this organization until Jan. 31, 1963. In this organization he carries a two-fold responsibility: in the area of administration, for interpretation and promotion of the work of the North American office, and in the area of youth work, for programme of the entire Council.

In his work with the World Council of Christian Education, Dr. Kirkpatrick is called upon to travel extensively. In July and August, 1961, he went to South America to represent the Council at meetings in Lima, Peru. In addition to this, he held consultations with key Christian Education leaders in Jamaica, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Guatemala and Mexico.

On Sept. 20, 1961, Dr. Kirkpatrick began a five months' world tour, which included about twenty countries. As a part of this work he attended the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India. He participated as one of the leaders in a Pre-Assembly Youth Conference. Following New Delhi, he visited other countries in his world schedule.

This summer, during July, Dr. Kirkpatrick has given special leadership at the World Institute on Christian Education held in Belfast, Ireland. On Sunday, July 15, he had the privilege of preaching in the Ahorey Presbyterian Church near Belfast, where Thomas Campbell was the minister for a number of years before he went to America.

In Jan., 1961, the Executive Committee of the World Convention of Churches of Christ appointed a committee to nominate an Associate General Secretary for the World (concluded ft. col. 1, p. 533)



**IRA A. PATERNOSTER (N.S.W.) muses on the meaning of . .**

# **— FELLOWSHIP —**

What a lovely word! Especially when one has over a long period through illness been debarred from the fellowship obtained through church attendance. But there are other ways in which sweet fellowship may be had, and recently we have been experiencing this.

First and foremost is that fellowship with God, made possible through the sacrificial death of Christ upon the Cross, when, according to the Epistle to the Hebrews, he "through the eternal Spirit," made open the way of access for us into the presence of God. What a glorious hope is ours because of this fellowship! We enjoy this constantly because we know that "Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9: 11, 12).

Having obtained forgiveness of our sins, upon confession of them, we

Convention. This committee was composed of Theo. O. Fisher, Indianapolis, Indiana (Chairman); Stephen J. England, Enid, Oklahoma; James G. Clague, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Jesse M. Bader, New York City. The committee first worked out ten important qualifications which it felt an Associate General Secretary of the World Convention should possess. It then set out to find the man who would measure up to these qualifications. The committee felt that Dr. Kirkpatrick had all ten qualifications, and recommended him to the Executive Committee for election. He was unanimously elected at its meeting in January, 1962.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, who has been the General Secretary of the World Convention for 32 years, says this about the new Associate General Secretary: "I have known Dr. Kirkpatrick since his student days at Phillips University. I feel that he is tailor-made for this important position to which he has been called. I am delighted that the Executive Committee of the World Convention has selected him unanimously and enthusiastically as the person to be associated with me in this great organisation. I am looking forward with much anticipation to his coming into the New York headquarters office, to help carry forward the plans and programme of this worthy agency of our churches around the world."

have this fellowship, unbroken by the things of this life, and look forward in hope to the continuance of it throughout eternity.

Then we have the fellowship with those dear ones in Christ who come to visit us from time to time. How real and precious this is can only be known by those who sit from day to day shut in their room, with only an occasional opportunity to go out. In health one does not realise the depth of meaning in the words of the Master, "I was sick and ye visited me." These visits are real occasions of fellowship and are a God-given privilege many unfortunately miss.

There is another fellowship we "shut-ins" are privileged to enjoy. Yesterday my mail brought me letters from Nelson, Wellington and Gisborne, New Zealand, and a few days earlier from South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and also from the New Hebrides, from brethren who had read an article I had written for *The Australian Christian*. This helped me appreciate how widely our church paper is read, but it also brought a deepening appreciation of the spirit of this fine brotherhood to which we belong. "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

It is worth very much to all to see that this fellowship is never brought in danger by any disruptive element that we might introduce into it. There is always danger of this, as seen in our American churches. What a tragedy it is that brethren cannot "agree to disagree" at times, instead of assuming a position of antagonism because of some personal dislike of the decision of a Conference resolution.

When one is forced to spend hours and days alone with God and his own thoughts, how trivial seem the things which often divide us. How the heart of Jesus must be torn as he sees those who should be enjoying the fellowship of each other in worship, looking with near hatred upon one another. He shed his precious blood that we should be One, as he and the Father are One. Yet today his Church is worshipping with, in many cases, hatred in people's hearts. Is it any wonder the world looks on in disdain!

Let us, as a brotherhood, at least "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," and work and pray for that true unity when all who believe that Jesus is the Christ of God will come closer together in the fellowship of the Spirit.



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

S. P. Hiwale and B. Bhonsle are due to arrive in Fremantle on Aug. 29 on the "Iberia." They will visit churches in every State, as well as attend the South Australian Conference and Federal Conference.

We heartily welcome them to Australia and pray that as a result of their visit we will have a greater awareness of the needs of the people in India, and the Australian and Indian Churches will be drawn closer together.

**Introducing S. P. Hiwale, L.Th.**

Hariba Waghmode.

I am very happy to introduce S. P. Hiwale, our Vice-President, to the Australian brotherhood. Sumant was born in 1910. The word Hiwale means "win-

ter" in Marathi language. His father's name was Peter Hiwale. After his father's death, at age of 16, through God's providence he was supported by an Australian friend called Peter Winter. This was a happy coincidence. Among three sons and a daughter of Mr. Hiwale, Sumant is the eldest, and has special inclination for studies. After his primary schooling, Sumant was sent for Primary Teacher's Course for two years, which he passed quite well. Then in 1929-30 he took a course in agriculture, and helped in our Baramati school as an agricultural teacher for over 14 years. While teaching he was married in 1930 to Anusaya Salvi, one of the girls from our Shrigonda Girls' Home. In 1938 he passed his 3rd year's Teacher's Training Course and became the Head Master of our Baramati Primary School. While teaching he showed special interest in Bible



studies and helped H.R. Coventry in teaching at the Union Bible school at Baramati. While doing this, he received his call for ministry and became pastor of Dhond church in 1944. After doing his pastoral work for four years, Mr. Hiwale then was sent for his theological training at the United Theological College, Poona, where he and his wife both took ministerial training, and Mr. Hiwale well earned his L.Th. Diploma from the Serampore University in 1951. From 1951 onwards Mr. Hiwale has served in our Friendship Centres at Dhond, Karjat, and is now serving at Indapur.

Besides his usual work at the Friendship Centres, Mr. Hiwale has given his invaluable help to our churches in Maharashtra. He lectured at Pastors' Refresher Courses, served as an extension lecturer of the United Theological College, Poona, among the churches in Maharashtra, and as our Conference representative on the United Theological College Board. He is also the convener of the Bible Study Course of our Conference. His help in the Marathi Bible Revision Committee is greatly appreciated by his colleagues. Mr. Hiwale, through his industrious habits of study and through his love and devotion to his Master, has made himself a fine example of witness for the Lord Jesus Christ among his own people. He is a gifted teacher. We are thankful to God for his example, his fellowship and his leadership amongst us. As Vice-President of the Conference he will be representing the Indian Church at the Federal Conference in Tasmania. And we are glad that he is representing us.

### Sowing the Gospel Seeds In and Around Indapur S. P. Hiwale.

The Friendship Centre at Indapur gives us many opportunities to witness for Christ. When people come for books or for the reading of newspapers, I contact the educated people of the town. Many people ask me questions about Christ and Christian religion. After the library hours, I take these enquirers into my office and discuss their religious questions for two to three hours. We have in this way built up friendship in this town.

Also, when in the evening we go for a walk, we meet several people on the way. We walk with them for one or two miles and, while walking, talk to them about the Lord Jesus. V. Y. Gaikwad, who is the evangelist here, sometimes has to walk six or seven miles and take the message of Christ to the villages round about.

While working at the Friendship Centre at Indapur, we have received several requests from surrounding villages, inviting us to come to their

villages to show them some pictures. Some villages are near and some are far. Once we were invited to go to Varkuta, a village about seven or eight miles west of Indapur. In that village, there was a Christian lady teacher, by name Miss Bakul Naik. Her father was the secretary of our church at Dhond, and also a member of the Committee of Management of the Conference last year. There are also some relatives of Mr. Waghmode in this village. All these village people have good and friendly relations with the Christians. So, they had invited us for this magic lantern show. We had with us a projector that works with a petromax. We took all our luggage, i.e. the projector, the petromax, etc., by a State Transport Bus that goes along that road. But the village of Varkuta is still about 1½ miles away from the bus stop on the road. From that bus stop we, i.e. Mrs. Hiwale, one of my sons, Mr. Gaikwad and myself, carried the luggage, turn by turn, and arrived at the village in time for the picture show. The vil-

lagers welcomed us very warmly. At first we showed some educational films to the school children and teachers. They liked them very much. After that we showed them some religious pictures. Especially, the stories of the Prodigal Son and of the Good Samaritan were appreciated very much by the people. They are attracted by them, because they depict the typical picture of the Eastern way of life. Every village seems to have a Prodigal Son, and also some good people like the Samaritan. That night there were more than 500 people, including men, women and children.

We have several such programmes in other villages also. In the Friendship Centre, also, my son shows these pictures to the young people of Indapur. In this way, we are sowing the gospel seeds in and around Indapur, with the hope that one day the Lord of the harvest will give us the fruits for our labor. Brethren, pray for us and with us, that the work of the Lord may grow in this area.

## THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

# WOMEN

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### Programme for Sept.

Theme: "The Rich Fool."

Mrs. George Smith, Subiaco, W.A.

#### MEDITATION.

"I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable and perfect" (Rom. 12: 1, 2).

#### HYMN.

#### PRAYER.

Father, help us to cultivate within our souls that which is good, acceptable and perfect. Reveal the hidden desires within us that would hinder our spiritual growth. May the grace of Christ be evident in our lives today we pray, humbly, through him who died for us. Amen.

#### BIBLE READING.

Luke 12: 13-21.

#### DEVOTIONAL.

Many folk may easily gloss over this parable of The Rich Fool, believing that the obvious sin of covet-

ousness does not particularly apply to them. How subtly the evil one can blind our eyes. It is not so much "covetousness," but the expectation of what we believe to be "our lawful rights" that proves our downfall. What a vision of pride this can conjure up before our eyes . . . man, full of self-assertion, saying, "Hands off, that is only my lawful right!" In this parable our Lord is replying to one who has asked for his lawful portion of the inheritance. Jesus knows that it is only as one becomes utterly nothing, emptied of all self-assertion, and utterly dependent upon God, that he can reach the desired goal of being "rich toward God," the ambition which is commended to us in verse 21 of our reading.

It is most evident that being "rich toward God" does not entail possessions in this world — at least, not material possessions. "You can't take it with you" is a very pertinent truth, used by many in these days. Verse 20 asks, "You have made your money — who will get it now?" No doubt the inheritance in this case was passed on to a son or nearest relative. The rich fool certainly could not take it with him. For a Christian believer, however, there is a time ahead of finding riches in God to delight the soul, because the soul in this life has been cultivated to develop heavenly treasure.



The Christian also leaves a wonderful legacy in this world — an influence more far-reaching than earthly possessions can ever bless. He leaves a legacy of positive attitude, the result of deep faith in God experienced during his earthly life. There also remains the testimony of abiding love, the outcome of the indwelling Christ, and Christian graces of character the world can never comprehend. However, what he leaves is as nothing compared to what he shares in the glory land. He shares only because in this life on earth he came into an understanding of the things that really count in the sight of the Lord, and put God first. Let us heed the warning of Jesus, that none of us needs stand a spiritual pauper in the sight of God. Rather, may we be found in that day "rich towards God."

**HYMN.****MISSIONARY NEWS.****MISSIONARY PRAYER.****BUSINESS.****ADDRESS.****HYMN.****BENEDICTION.****Interstate News****WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

Devotions for August were conducted by the Social Service committee, led by Mrs. Holloway, with Mrs. Toms bringing Bible reading and Mrs. Robertson speaking on God's Legacy of Peace.

Several of our sisters had been bereaved during the month, and Mrs. Johnston prayed that God would bless and comfort them.

Roll call was answered by 84 sisters, apologies being 8. Financial statement as read by Mrs. Beck showed a balance in hand of £848/16/3. Prayer of thanks for offering was given by Mrs. Reid.

Delegates to Federal Conference have been appointed, Mrs. Digwood being the leader of the delegation.

**Budget Thanksgiving:** The first of the amounts from the blessing bags were brought in by the Fellowships, and a season of prayer conducted by the Budget Superintendents was of blessing to all. The amount of £88/14/8 from town and country sisters was received.

**Reports. Overseas:** Mrs. Gordon reported on the farewell gathering held in her home for Dr. and Mrs. Williams as they passed through Fremantle. Mr. Bhosle and Mr. Hiwale will be in W.A. from Aug. 29 to Sept. 6 — meetings with them to be arranged.

**Home Mission:** Mrs. Manning advised of over 30 decisions at the (continued col. 2, p. 542)

# QUESTING

A. E. White.

What are some of the best ways of giving publicity to our church?

In dealing with this question I have already suggested that you take a long, hard look at your church to see if it is worth advertising. You need services that are orderly, dignified, and inspiring; your fellowship should be brotherly, generous, and alive; and your church buildings should worthily represent your God.

Your further publicity will be dependent upon available finance. You may be very limited so far as money is concerned. Most of us are, but you must realise that publicity will cost you something. It pays to advertise, and the church will do the paying!

Some of your general publicity will be of a co-operative nature. You can and should assist the church to speak with one clear voice through television, radio, outdoor poster displays, and through newspaper and magazine advertising.

In your own community you will be largely on your own, although Conference Departments could help provide effective and attractive materials.

Locally, personal publicity is still best. "Gossiping the gospel" by attractive Christian personalities is much more effective than printing in the letter box. The printed word should be used as resources for use by personal witnesses, rather than as a substitute for them. Your printed material must be good enough to meet competition from other religious groups. Occasional material that demands to be read will do more than a lot of stuff that invites immediate disposal. It must be free from religious jargon.

Then, too, your publicity for those outside the church should be directed to the people where they are. It is foolish to pretend that people are desperately searching for a way to God. A great number couldn't care less. You must, therefore, endeavor to awaken a sense of need. This can be done by showing that God is the only answer to the needs they do admit. These include the need for a safe world, secure homes, strong family life, and the need for meeting responsibilities for underprivileged and neglected groups at home and abroad. Of course, there will be an ultimate challenge to personal decision, but this is not the initial appeal.

Next Week: Announcements in the local church.

(Send Questions to the Editor).

## Musings

### A Conference President's Week.

**SUN., AUG. 19.** — From the time I left home this morning for the 80-mile drive to Ballarat till the time I got home tonight, the rain poured steadily down. Despite that, attendances were good both morning and night at Dawson-st., where I had the privilege of speaking. Frank Hunting was away from his pulpit, conducting a mission at Auburn, N.S.W., and it was interesting to hear the announcement that he has accepted a further five-year-term with Dawson-st., following on 14 years' service.

**MON., AUG. 20.** — I grow weary of the sneers that many modern writers level at Christian workers. Typical of them are these comments by Robert Ruark in his novel, *Uhuru* ("Freedom"), on conditions in Kenya: "They never changed, coming or going, the mission folks . . . They tended the sick and they taught by rote in classrooms; they parroted the gospel and they railed against sin and its sister, nakedness; they preached pants and politeness, the true faith and sanitation. And they lost their converts with the same speed that they gained them." I won't deny there's some sting to the words, but what a caricature of missionaries as we know them!

**TUES., AUG. 21.** — As I move around I notice quite a few Elderly Citizens' Clubs. Evidently they are filling a real need. Do we of the churches do enough for the older folk in our community — especially those who are well enough in body, but desperately lonely, whether they live in a meagre room or a well appointed flat? I often think of the Psalmist's moving words concerning God's activity: "He putteth the solitary in families," or, as Moffatt has it, "He brings the lonely home."

**WED., AUG. 22.** — Tonight I was with a delegation from Doncaster that attended a meeting of the Operation Good News campaign being conducted at West Preston by a three-man team from the Federal College. The building was packed, and there was appreciation of a helpful service.

**THURS., AUG. 23.** — One of our young men, about to be transferred to Hobart, called in tonight to say goodbye — one of the courtesies a minister appreciates.

**FRI., AUG. 24.** — Another extra meeting had to be fitted in at the end of a busy day, so that I missed seeing our young people off to their weekend camp.

**SAT., AUG. 25.** — I've been thinking of Stevenson's phrase, "the malady of not wanting." How much real expectancy will there be in church tomorrow?



# HERE AND THERE

Miss Christine Knight, a member of Collins-st., Hobart church, Tas., is congratulated on securing highest marking in the State's Nursing Proficiency examinations.

We regret the delay in featuring the C.W.F. devotional programme for September, which is normally published early in the month. The delay is in no way the fault of Mrs. Naomi Neville, who, for the past two years, has proved a most efficient and helpful editress of material for "Ministries of our Women."

The Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education is appealing for a wood-burning stove for Monbulk Camp kitchen. Any person who can assist is requested to contact L. A. Trezise, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne (32-2449).

We are sure that all readers will join with us in expressing Christian sympathy and love to the Federal Women's President, Mrs. C. B. Holt, of Tasmania, in the Home call of her husband early last week, following on a heart attack.

Registrations for the Half-Yearly Convention of the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference, to be held in Bendigo, Sat., Sept. 8, should have been completed now. If some, for reasons beyond their control, have been unable to register by the due date with their church secretary, they may make a late registration by immediately ringing the Conference Secretary (W. W. Saunders) at the Churches of Christ Centre — 32-2446. Promptness is essential, that our Bendigo hosts may be informed of the numbers for whom they have to cater. An active local committee, with G. J. Andrews as chairman, and H. E. Langley as secretary, and supported by members of the Bendigo churches, is making preparations for the Convention, whose success will depend in large measure upon the presence and participation of strong delegations from Melbourne and country churches. In this regard each member counts. "See you at Bendigo?" asks Mr. Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Savage and family were farewelled at a special evening held at the Christian Centre, Perth, W.A., on July 24, when fitting tributes were paid them by both the City Church and the brotherhood at the close of their five-year ministry. The church is grateful for assistance being given by R. Vincent, who is filling the pulpit pending the

arrival of L. E. Jones, B.A., who has accepted a unanimous invitation to minister at Perth for a period of five years, commencing in Feb., 1963. Another well attended P.S.A. was held on Aug. 12, when M. J. McCall (Director of Child Welfare Dept.) gave a very interesting talk, "Who Are These Delinquent Parents?"

C.W.F. (Vic.-Tas.) Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, on Friday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m. W.C.W.F. birthday programme presented by Hartwell — speaker, Mrs. I. Gillespie. The General Dorcas Society will also hold its annual "Bring and Buy" day at this meeting.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.

Moonta chapel, S.A., has been renovated, and there is a marked improvement in its appearance. Thanksgiving Day was held on Aug. 5, when the speakers were C. Jones (a.m.) and M. T. Lawrie (p.m.). There were two decisions. A P.S.A. was held, at which the Hon. C. Rowe, Attorney-General, was speaker and the Methodist choir provided musical items. B. W. Manning, who was to be guest speaker for the morning and evening services, suffered two heart attacks the previous week, and has been very ill.

The church at Drumcondra, Vic., has become a "church on the move." Its building is being transferred to a new site, offering wider opportunities of service to the people of the area. Final services on the old site were held on Sun., Aug. 19, in a spirit of thanksgiving for the past. R. A. Banks is the much loved minister of this congregation. Until the building is finally erected on the new site (with changes allowing for about fifty more to be seated in the chapel), the Drumcondra members will meet with the church at Norlane, an effective transport system having been worked out. The Bible School will meet at the Herne Hill State School.

P. R. Whitmore, Edwardstown, S.A., has accepted a call to minister with the church at Flinders Park, S.A., from Feb., 1963.

A Missionary Fellowship meeting was held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, Melb., on Aug. 18, at 7.30 p.m., at which members of the C.W.F. Missionary Committee and young people who have indicated their willingness to volunteer for missionary service were the guests of the Vic.-Tas. Overseas Mission Department.

About 60 participated in a time of happy fellowship and inspiration. C. Gadge, with D. Ferguson at the piano, conducted the song service; solos were rendered by L. North. A film, *Unto the Hills*, a recent production of the British and Foreign Bible Society, showed the progress of missionary work in New Guinea. The concluding devotional was led by A. B. Withers, the chairman.

C. E. Curtis has accepted a further three year ministry with the church at Glenelg, S.A.

Wedderburn church, Vic., held a special service, Aug. 5, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. M. Roberts and family from Qld. Mr. Roberts has accepted a ministry at Wedderburn. L. Lanyon spoke on behalf of visitors, A. B. Jackel, B.S., and Mrs. B. Jackel, Ladies' Guild. Rep. of Ministers' Fraternal also expressed words of welcome.

E. W. Heard, now on furlough from India, will commence a twelve months' full-time ministry with the church at Mitcham, Vic., on Sept. 9.

The general council of the World Evangelical Fellowship has announced it will move its headquarters from the United States to London, England. It also will establish regional offices in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to encourage and extend fellowship and co-operative efforts among evangelicals in their respective parts of the world. The W.E.F. general council is made up of delegates representing fellowships and associations of evangelical churches in various parts of the world.

At Balwyn (Vic.) Church of Christ on Sun., Aug. 19, L. F. Barker was inducted to the ministry by H. E. R. Steele (interim minister). Both morning and evening services were well attended, an enjoyable hour of fellowship and song following the night meeting. Representatives from the Ministers' Fraternal and district churches were present, and speeches of welcome were made by the Baptist minister and W. Smith (elder). Presentations were made to Mr. Steele and Don. Russell (former church sec.) for valued services, and lovely sheaves of flowers were presented to their wives, and also to Mrs. Barker. Happy responses followed, and the whole gathering showed eager anticipation of the future and gratitude for help received during the interim ministry.

42,000 Protestant missionaries are currently serving throughout the world, Prof. Theodor Mueller-Krueger, an official of the German Evangelical Missionary Council, has reported. He said 25,000 of the missionaries came from the United States, 7,000 from England and only some 1,000 from Germany.





## Mediocre Marriage Not Good Enough

Colin Thomson.

"Marriage is not a word, it's a sentence." This vaudeville crack is usually good enough for a laugh from those not serving time. But for multitudes who entered upon a life partnership merely on the strength of affection and sexual desire, it is a bitter truth.

When confronted by the various areas of adjustment the shared-life of marriage demanded, the tide of emotion bewilderingly receded. They hadn't bargained for this or other changes in each other. They hadn't been helped to consider other attributes, besides deep primary attraction, as being necessary for a permanent loving relationship.

Seeing each other in adverse circumstances can be revealing, too. Differing temperaments and character traits need to be observed and explored as friendships unfold. It is quite possible that some differences may prove too great for a particular couple to cope with.

Take Bill and Jill. They were alert to this danger. They were about to announce their engagement a year ago, but have just got around to it. They were intelligent enough to know that her impetuosity and a tendency to extravagance had to be reconciled with his general cautiousness if their marriage was to be really harmonious. They were members of the Church. Neither would be satisfied with anything less than the best possible.

Over the past 12 months, as they have watched and worked at this area of difference, their relationship has been enriched and strengthened. They're happy. By the way, both of them had had other special friends in the Youth Fellowship before they "discovered" each other. A good point to keep in mind.

Common interests are a vital factor if continuing companionship is to prove satisfying. Being able to share and appreciate each other's interests and discoveries — sport, music, books, drama, craft, cars, community concerns and all the rest — is to be building creatively for a common future.

# OUR FAMILY PAGE

Quite soon after marriage many young couples find themselves drawn by different interests and responsibilities into largely separate spheres of existence. Many seem to accept this state of affairs, but sooner or later a reckoning can be anticipated. Why allow it to happen to you?

## FAMILY BACKGROUNDS.

When a fellow and a girl are mightily attracted and are soon "crazy about each other," this might be it! Family backgrounds seem unimportant then, but later their great significance is usually seen. They influence our values, attitudes and needs far more deeply than most of us realise.

When Mary had Sunday evening tea at John's place for the first time, she noticed his mother was very much the strong decision-maker, and pretty possessive about her only son, too. Father was a golf club absentee, and John obviously liked much "mothering." Dependent, immature partners often need wives or husbands to be "mothers" and "fathers" to them also. Keep a discerning eye on this one.

Educational and social factors enter in, too. David's father was a first-class tradesman, and David was following the same line. Theirs was a happy, well-set Christian family.

He and Joan were going "steady," but her Arts degree seemed to make a difference at times, and he knew her professional parents considered him "below her station."

A "fatal" collision is likely here if the caution light is not seen. This one has to be talked over responsibly, perhaps with the help of a trusted counsellor.

## A COMMON FAITH.

"Couples who pray together stay together." Andrew knows this is true — he's grown up in the Church and in a very happy home. But on a skiing vacation he fell for Wendy. She's blonde and delightful, but hasn't a clue about the Christian faith. He's noted the tension in her home — father talking big because he's feeling little — mother nice, but a social climber. Christianity's the forgotten factor in Wendy's family.

Andrew senses that this "no-faith" climate could mean much bigger problems than those which follow a Protestant-Roman Catholic alliance, but Wendy is willing to "try the Church." They might get there. At least their eyes are open to the most important single factor in any marriage.

In the worship and service of the Christian fellowship, couples are received, forgiven, restored and renewed in love and hope. That can make marriage for you, not just "a word," but life's most wonderful experience.—Presbyterian Life.

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## FACE TO FACE

I had walked life's way with an easy tread;  
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,  
Until one day in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal;  
Much thought for my body, but none for my soul,  
I had entered to win in life's mad race,  
When I met the Master face to face.

I met him and knew him, and blushed to see  
That his eyes, full of sorrow, were fixed on me;  
And I faltered and fell at his feet that day,  
While my castles melted and vanished away.

My thought is now for the souls of men.

I have lost my life to find it again;  
E'er since one day in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face.

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## LIVE THE WAY WE PRAY!

I knelt to pray when the day was done,  
And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone.  
Lift from each heart the saddened pain,  
And let the sick be well again."

Then I awoke another day,  
And went carelessly on my way.  
The whole day long I did not try  
To wipe a tear from any eye.

I did not even go to see  
The sick man just next door to me.  
Yet once again when day was done,  
I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone."

But as I prayed, into my ear  
There came a voice that whispered clear,

"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray.  
Whom have you tried to bless today?  
God's sweetened blessings always go  
Through hands that serve him here below."

Then I hid my face and cried,  
"Forgive me, God, I have lied!  
Let me see another day,  
And I will live the way I pray!"

—Author not known.





## NEW SOUTH WALES

**Albury - Wodonga - Lavington (D. Oldfield).** — Questionnaire covering all aspects of work now returned; officers working on result. Response has been very satisfactory, and new ideas will be put into operation. Work at Lavington progresses; three decisions since last report. Officers contemplate alterations to building to make more accommodation. Kinder hall and kitchen block also contemplated for Albury. Church enjoyed a visit from E. Heard. Mrs. Bennett in hospital for surgery. Mission planned for Lavington, with P. Kavanagh. Members enjoyed fellowship at Yarrowonga anniversary tea. Car load of Y.P. journeyed to Sydney for World C.E. Convention. Man and wife confessed Christ, 19th.

**Inverell (G. H. Earle).** — Two brothers and a sister recently made their decisions, and a baptismal service was conducted, Aug. 12. They were welcomed into fellowship 19th. Much sickness prevailing. Teenagers' fellowship working enthusiastically, and well attended. Ranch night held by teenagers, 15th.

**Taree (V. T. Parker).** — Church pleased to welcome and renew fellowship with missionary, E. W. Heard, Aug. 7. His message in story and film was of much help to church in its missionary outlook. Two Y.P. baptised on 19th. Budget system will shortly be launched in local church. This will be led by K. Crawford (Director H.M. and Evangelism), with support of Board of Officers.

**Carramar (E. McIlhagger - B. Reid).** — Church entered 5 teams in girls' basketball competition; one team reached semi-finals. G.L.B. being formed under leadership of Mrs. H. Hutchinson. Recent auxiliary meetings of church have been held in newly-completed primary hall. Monthly after-church fellowship with Fairfield church featured tape-recorded service in Pidgin English, together with slides sent from Mr. and Mrs. D. Hammer (New Guinea). Mrs. E. Heard (India) C.W.F. speaker. All groups in church are preparing for sale of work. Boys' Brigade Company has received two new officers on loan from Fairfield, Ray Dwyer and John Hamilton. Len Lake is helping Life Boy team.

**Fairfield (E. McIlhagger - B. Reid).** — B.S. achieved new record attendance of 132. J. Hamilton elected

ship also enjoyed with Mrs. Robinson and others from Launceston. A. Knight attended World C.E. Convention as delegate from Sth. Tasmania. C.W.E.F. has purchased electric stove for church kitchen, and conducted drive for used clothing for City Mission. Two ladies immersed 19th. C.W.F. conducted service 22nd, at City Mission.

## QUEENSLAND

**Bundaberg (W. J. Davidson).** — 30 Maryborough C.Y.F. attended fellowship tea at Bundaberg, Aug. 18; over 70 present. There has been one decision. E. Watson, on vacation in district, spoke a.m. 19th, and conducted afternoon Happy Hours for children, 20th-25th. Several former members and their families worshipping with church during holidays. Aileen Deoberitz played organ at p.m. service. Mr. and Mrs. Marchment (Vic.) were visitors. R. Voss ill; W. Linsell and Laurel Dewar in hospital. H. Davidson admitted to hospital after car accident. Ladies are all meeting in afternoon instead of evening, thus allowing ladies to attend who cannot be present at night. This has resulted in greater number (23) attending.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Fremantle (L. Donaldson).** — Two committees, formed under "Functional Church" plan, have begun working in their various fields, Evangelism and Christian Education. Enjoyable social evening arranged by C.W.F., Aug. 2; over £13 was raised toward Budget aim. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thompson have been welcomed as they renew fellowship during their short stay. Sympathy expressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell and family at recent passing of their daughter, Jean.

**Subiaco (G. Smith).** — C.W.F. had fellowship prayer meeting, with Mrs. Fitch; Wembley and Shenton Park assisting. Dr. and Mrs. Williams farewelled at home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon, before leaving for India. H. Guthrie, M.L.A., spoke to youth section and G.L.B. P. Hunt farewelled before leaving overseas. Sympathy extended to loved ones of late Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Lake, snr., and Miss Welling in hospital; Messrs. Cotton and Aggiss in rest homes. Youth concert successful, proceeds for hall Plano Fund. Three confessions of faith.

## Discipleship

Julie Bray, Wangaratta, Vic.  
Beverly Welsh, Mitcham, Vic.  
Linda, Leonard and Jim Burt,  
Inverell, N.S.W.

Colin and Bruce Bain, Drumcondra,  
Vic.

Vernett Fisher, Bundaberg, Qld.

Wendy and Bruce Dahlenberg,  
Janet Lane, Moonta, S.A.

Joyce Myall, Dorothy Surplice, Kaye  
Mason, Barry Aldersley, Maidstone,  
Vic.

Katherine Redman, Jennifer Thomas,  
Katherine Shrubsole, Henley  
Beach, S.A.

Margaret Elder, Warragul, Vic.

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

Misses M. Hemmings and J. Boxhall,  
Collins-st., Hobart, Tas.

## Membership

Mrs. Johnstone, Fairfield, N.S.W.  
Mrs. Cotton, Aldgate Valley to  
Moonta, S.A.

## Marriage

Lynne Miller, Dalby, Qld. to Keith  
Winter, Caboolture, Qld.  
Bette Morris to G. Benson, Albury,  
N.S.W.

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Laycock, Drumcondra, Vic.  
Mrs. Davis, snr., Camberwell, Vic.  
Mrs. Wilson, Subiaco, W.A.  
Mrs. Whelan, Fairfield, N.S.W.  
J. Harrison, Carramar, N.S.W.

## TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart. — Services conducted by local brethren; messages highly appreciated. L. G. Cooke will commence his ministry middle November. Services on 12th conducted by C. J. Robinson (Launceston), who spoke on behalf of C.F.A. Fellow-



deputy sec. during absence of G. Goninon. R. Dwyer has joined school staff. T. O'Donnell appointed Visual Aid supt. B.S. Boys' Brigade meeting under leadership of R. Burns. Preliminary moves begun to re-introduce G.L.B. All groups hard at work with various projects towards Temple Day offering.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Moonta.** — Church membership small but very active. Regular preaching help provided by Brighton Gardens, Kadina and Northern District Conf. Monthly gospel service being held with A. Lunney as speaker; 4 decisions recently and 3 baptisms. Theo. Edwards (past minister) spoke at an a.m. service. R. Gloyne, B.S. supt. and church officer, with family, travels 35 miles to services each Sunday. Ladies' Guild birthday addressed by Mrs. K. J. Patterson, pres., N. D. Women's Conf.

**Naracoorte.**—Annual business meeting, July 27. At gospel service, 29th, Conf. Pres., C. E. Curtis, gave message. Church pleased to renew fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. Men of S.E. District held gathering at Naracoorte, Aug. 4. 100 men present from surrounding district met for basket tea, followed by fellowship, items, devotional and supper. G. Bywaters, M.P. (Murray Bridge) presided; guest speaker, L. Riches, M.P., also, showed slides. Mr. Bywaters spoke a.m., 5th. Young lady made good confession at gospel service, when L. Fisher delivered message. Ladies journeyed to Tarpeena, 8th, for C.Y.F. birthday. Among recent speakers at morning services have been H. E. Paddick (Temperance Alliance) and D. G. V. Williams (B. and F. B. S.). Film, *The Leaves of the Tree*, screened after church, 19th, in C. of E. hall. Youth Fellowship conducted gospel service, 12th. H. Francis presided, messages given by Meredith Byrne and B. Hextall; Glenice Dinning and G. Braendler attended to Bible readings, N. Page led responsive reading; D. Penny was soloist and M. Dinning song leader. At after-church fellowship, 19th, Mr. and Mrs. David Gericke and family farewelled on eve of departure for Keith.

**Henley Beach** (S. E. Matthews). — Attendances maintained well, despite sickness. B.S. averaging 155 weekly. 3 B.S. girls have confessed Christ and are preparing for baptism. G.L.B. successful in winning Davie Shield. Boys' under-14 basketball team reached semi-finals.

**Unley** (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — Excellent attendances. Youth programme for Aug., with special services at 7 p.m. Parade of youth

groups, followed by screening of film, *Part-Time Christian*, 5th. On 12th, youth tea in church hall; films screened by Mr. McLean (O.M. Sec.). Y.P. formed choir at evening service and rendered special items. Mr. McLean held attention of all as he told of missionaries' work and screened films of the Missions in India and New Guinea. Intensive house-to-house visitation carried out, with object of finding children not attending B.S. Number of new scholars gained.

## VICTORIA

**Carlton** (R. J. Duckett). — W.M.B. re-elected Mrs. Hattersly, pres., Mrs. Prescott, sec., and Mrs. Demeral, treas. B. Greenwood and P. Retchford continue to preach during minister's absence. Man confessed Christ, Aug. 19. R. Edgar (Mission to Lepers) speaker at prayer meeting, 15th. Number of members still sick; Miss Joyce Crichton in hospital.

**Footscray** (G. S. Brown). — C.W.A.F. held Devonshire tea, 15th, with Kingsville ladies' choir providing programme. Annual business meeting of church, 15th. Av. attendance over 6 months: 100 a.m.; 61 p.m.; 110 communed. Minister has been made Probation Officer in Children's Court, and is studying Pastoral Theology at Cairn-miller Institute. Mrs. H. Brown elected deaconess. All other office-bearers re-elected. Miss Alwyn Dowling soloist, 19th. Y.P. later met at manse for fellowship, when opportunity was taken to say farewell to Graham Scarce.

**Wangaratta** (A. E. Stevens). — Visit of E. Heard much enjoyed when he addressed C.M.S., p.m., and afterwards gave illustrated lecture. At "guest" service, Aug. 12, young woman baptised and another made good confession. Group enjoyed happy evening at Yarrowonga, 14th, at their anniversary tea. Church host to Springvale C.Y.F. for weekend, when visit made to Mt. Buffalo and then took part in regular meeting, Saturday Night With a Difference. Three basketball teams performing well and "Saints" unbeaten.

**Box Hill** (L. S. Dewberry). — C.Y.F. ladies' night, on Aug. 3, was Tupperware party. On 7th, G.P. seniors visited St. Paul's Cathedral. C.Y.F. visited I.M.T., 10th. Speaker at C.M.S., 12th, was Mr. Maxwell, on vintage cars. Mrs. K. A. Jones speaker C.W.A.F., 14th. Good Companions' zone worship service held in chapel, 17th.

**Drumcondra** (R. Banks). — After 37 years of meeting at corner of Melbourne-rd. and Grandview-grove, Drumcondra, church held last services Aug. 19, on existing location. Church buildings will be moved during next

few weeks to new location in Church-st. Services will be held during the interim period with brethren at Norlane; most auxiliaries will meet at manse. Closing service was one of thanksgiving and praise to God, and highlights of the years were remembered by two foundation members. Twin brothers baptised during service. Y.P. offered prayers, readings, and vocal items. Rep. of Gideon Bible Distribution Soc. spoke p.m., 12th. Ladies were guests of Norlane C.W.E.F. on occasion of their birthday celebrations, 14th, when Miss Gwen Gibson (Wycliffe Bible Translators) screened films and spoke of work in New Guinea. Members joined in combined H.M. prayer meeting at Latrobe-terr., 15th, when D. H. Smith (assoc.-sec., H.M.) spoke on work and future programme. Sympathy of church extended to loved ones of late Mrs. Laycock and Mrs. Austin.

**Maidstone** (R. H. Patterson). — Av. attendances, July: a.m., 101 (record morning attendance) p.m., 77. B.S. scholars' activity display well attended. Campaigners for Christ team, under leadership of J. Robinson, at evening service, and 3 Y.P. made decisions. Y.P., with minister, attended youth camp at Flinders. In absence of minister, services conducted by L. Snow and E. Westaway, more Y.P. deciding for Christ. Miss L. Sonsie was soloist. Annual business meeting of church held Aug. 7. Elected to office: T. Hampton, sec.; R. Geake, treas.; E. Westaway, elder; A. Pope, L. MacKinnon, B. Nicholas, deacons; deaconesses: Sis. G. Duan, R. Geake, E. Patterson, H. Pietzsch, G. Stevens, E. Squires; A.C. agent, J. Squires. Successful cricket club presentation night, 11th. Under-16 team will be sponsored to play in Protestant Churches' Assoc. in district. Good Companions joined with others at combined worship service, 17th. Four Y.P. baptised, 19th. Mrs. Ferguson, soloist. Complete outfit of clothing for Aboriginal girl at one of our W.A. Missions supplied by C.W.F.

**Mitcham** (K. Bowes, M.A.). — Church rejoices in baptism and two further decisions from B.S. scholars. Teachers greatly benefited from practical demonstrations of B.S. work by team under leadership of R. V. Longthorp. C.W.E.F. held successful 2nd birthday meeting, with matron of Winlaton Home as speaker. C.M.S. organised party to visit ABV2 transmitter station at Mt. Dandenong. All youth auxiliaries functioning well. Mrs. Ogden now assisting in Good Companions, Mrs. Ryan in P.B.P., and Mr. and Mrs. Welsh appointed counsellors for teenage group. Y.P. from South Melb. guests for social evening, Aug. 3. Bayswater Y.P. shared in youth tea and gospel service on 12th. Attendances at gospel



services have increased, despite sickness. Officers have visited extensively concerning full-time ministry, members responding with greater stewardship. Daily chain of prayer undertaken by whole church for new ministry is proving a blessing.

**The Patch** (A. E. Hurren). — All local sister churches represented at Women's Fellowship Day meeting; Mrs. Wilkins guest speaker. C.W.F. enjoyed visit and devotional message from Mrs. Mapperson, Aug. 8. Youth club activities for month included "learn to swim" night at City Baths. Combined prayer and Bible study group commenced. Valued help given by Tony Easton in kinder dept., and by G. R. Thompson giving addresses when spiritual leader presiding. Visitors from Qld. and W.A. present, 19th.

**West Preston** (T. T. Robinson). — Mr. Crocker, teacher, Newlands High School, gave illustrated talk on Oberamergau Passion Play at after-church fellowship, Aug. 12. Chapel open daily for prayer prior to Operation Good News. Mrs. J. Powell recovering from injuries received in accident. Midweek meeting of church attended H.M. rally at Thornbury, 8th. C. Young spoke to C.W.A.F., 15th, on hospital chaplaincy work.

**Balwyn** (L. F. Barker). — Good attendances and fellowship marked commencement of new ministry Aug. 19. Youth snow trip, 18th, enjoyed. C.W.E.F. elected Mrs. J. St. Aubyn, pres.; Mrs. J. Sanders, asst.-pres.; Mrs. D. Gordon, sec.; Mrs. L. Lenhard, treas.

**Camberwell** (K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.). — Special Sunday night services attracted good congregations. Visiting speakers were R. V. Longthorp, E. W. Heard, E. L. Williams and W. W. Saunders. Good Companions and Explorer clubs making good progress. Church choir farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Gove, on transfer from district. Presentations made by Mrs. Abercrombie and W. McDiarmid. Choirmaster (E. A. Peters), on behalf of choir, presented cheque for £80 towards Hall Fund. Successful concert by B.S. scholars raised £16 for church funds. C.M.S. continues to have successful meetings. Church saddened by death of Mrs. Davis, snr.

**Chelsea** (C. G. V. Thomas). — C.Y.F. busy during month with snow trip, after-church fellowship at Chelsea and Aspendale, an "at home," window-cleaning detail, basket teas at Chelsea Presbyterian Church and own church. Prayer rally attended on 8th. On 10th, C.E. saw F. Manning's missionary slides. Monthly meeting of C.W.A.F. went step further in preparations for bazaar and arranged night for Woman to Woman evangelistic campaign. 60 Y.P. attended

Youth for Christ tea in hall, and many more at special 7 p.m. service. Teenage girl made her confession. Mrs. N. Brown back after long convalescence, also Mrs. Prescott. Mrs. Davis ill.

**Swan Hill** (D. G. Beanland). — Church had visit from Miss Jan. Hunting, who gave illustrated address on Mission work in N. Guinea, Aug. 8, to large gathering. Minister completed talks on Love, Courtship and Marriage to Y.P.C.E. group. B. J. Combridge's booklet, *Design for Development*, being studied by Officers' Board. Morning service, 19th, broadcast over 3SH.

**Warragul** (G. A. Hearn). — W. W. Saunders (Conf. Sec.) guest speaker for day, Aug. 12. Baptismal service held in evening, when teenage girl baptised. Mrs. Saunders' company also enjoyed. R. V. Longthorp (Assoc. Director Dept. Christian Ed.) guest speaker 19th. He also spoke to senior scholars and parents at combined Warragul B.S. rally, in R.S.L. Hall, earlier that morning. This service is held annually, to mark beginning of Education Week. 23 members of C.Y.F. had enjoyable time at "Twilite" Drive-In, 10th. Congratulations to Nurse Jeanette Buntrock on passing her final exams., and now qualifying as a Sister. Church glad to have P. Jenkins back in fellowship after illness. A. and B. grade badminton teams have reached semi-finals in District Churches' Assoc. C. grade failed by 1 point to enter finals.

**Croydon** (W. J. Thomson). — Church well represented at Eastern District prayer rally at Ringwood. C.W.E.F. held "play reading night." J.C.E. held consecration meeting on 5th, when John Lowrey (C.O.B.) was speaker. Group also visited local hospital, distributing gifts to patients. On 12th, C.Y.F. held youth tea and church parade at p.m. service, while on the 13th they enjoyed visit to "Ten-Pin Bowling." Minister answered Bible questions at C.W.F. meeting. C.M.S. and wives attended buffet tea at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grenness, after which R. Bullen showed slides on linguists' work in New Guinea. Mrs. J. Welsh progressing after surgery. Ten members of Junior Red Cross, and their leader, Mrs. Holden, present at a.m. service, 19th.

**Geelong** (A. C. Caldicott). — Jas. E. Webb concluded interim ministry. A. Brown (elder) expressed appreciation of church at after-church fellowship. J. Smail and R. Geyer have been guest speakers. Service broadcast over 3GL, Aug. 19, when E. L. Williams, M.A., was guest speaker. Thomson B.S. (East Geelong) celebrated 2nd birthday with social evening. G.L.B. held demonstration, on 21st, to mark 3rd birthday. Excellent attendances

were recorded at both these events. Mr. and Mrs. Caldicott have returned to Australia after evangelistic tour of America, and plan to recommence ministry Sept. 2.

**Moreland** (G. A. Grainger). — Several special services for month have proved helpful. Tennis club held church parade, when Ambassadors Quartet rendered several items and L. Finger was guest speaker. On Education Sunday, K. Heath (Chaplain, Brunswick Tech. School) was morning speaker. Parents were invited to view school and display posters. C.M.S. held tea, when Mr. Davidson spoke on Education in New Guinea. Christian Education Flying Squad took evening service. After-church fellowship held, when presentation was made to A. Barber (snr.) and Mrs. F. Stokes, prior to their marriage. Many members have been ill. Good progress, after surgery, for J. Cook and Mr. Britton. Church congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Maurice on their golden wedding anniversary. C.W.E.F. held missionary night; Mrs. Heard, guest speaker. C.W.A.F. held social afternoon and raised £14 for special funds. Prayer group attended West Preston mission.

## 14th World's C.E. Convention

Great gatherings marked the C.E. Convention held in Sydney, Aug. 16-21. With over 100 from overseas among the 2,000 registered delegates, there was a truly world flavor about the congregations, as well as among the chosen speakers, who included representatives from America, Australia, Germany, Great Britain and Japan.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling closed his 35 years' service as World President by presiding over most meetings, and also by taking the Convention theme, *Jesus Christ the Way*, as the theme for his address at the first public rally in the Stadium at Rushcutters Bay, attended by over 3,000. His successor as World President was introduced at the closing meeting of the Convention on Aug. 21 — Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., of the American Episcopal Methodist Church. Dr. Meadows has recently served as President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

One of the most memorable moments of the Convention came at the beginning, when Archbishop Gough, Primate of Australia, himself an ardent supporter of C.E., addressed a crowded dedicatory service in St. Andrew's Cathedral, with leaders of other Protestant Churches sharing in what proved a great ecumenical occasion.



**ENGAGEMENT**

**MURRAY - LOVE.** — The engagement is announced of Judith, elder daughter of Mrs. L. Murray and the late Mr. E. G. Murray, of Taree, N.S.W., to Fred., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Love, Tamworth, N.S.W.

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**DEATH**

**TIPPETT.** — On Aug. 18, after sudden illness, Daryl Richard, loved husband of Joan, son of Randolph and Gwen, brother of Rodney, Pamela, Barbara and Ian; brother-in-law of Jennifer. Aged 23 years.

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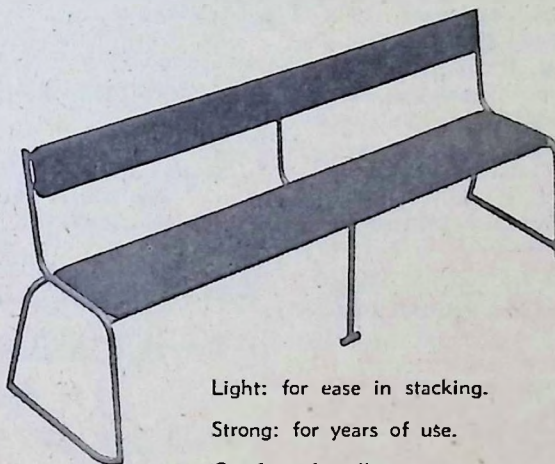
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mission at Northam with Mr. Willis — continue in prayer for this work.

**Aborigine:** Mrs. Pallot asked that we pray for missionaries on the Norseman and Carnarvon fields as they care for their own families, as well as the children of the Mission.

**Hospital:** Mrs. Sonsee requested prayer for the mentally ill — those who visit them, and those who attend them.

**Social Service:** Mrs. Holloway reminded sisters of the Budget Rally at Subiaco on Aug. 21.

**Wooroloo:** Mrs. Verge asked that we pray for the work of Wooroloo and the Chest Hospital, and thanked sisters for bed socks received.

**Christian Guest Home:** Mrs. Cooper reported on £20 being spent on new curtains for the Jubilee Wing, this completing the refurbishing of this wing.

The W.C.W.F. birthday programme is to be conducted by the Catering Committee at our next Auxiliary meeting.

Sisters were reminded of the social afternoon to be given in honor of our past Auxiliary Presidents, to be held in the Centre on Sept. 18.

We were pleased to hear a report of successful progress and answer to prayer in connection with the operation performed on R. Fallon.

Mrs. Peacock was wished a happy holiday and journeying mercies as she and her husband visit Queensland.

There being no further business, Mrs. Armstrong closed with prayer.— P. Reid, Sec.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Mrs. Jones presided over the meeting held at Grote-st. on Aug. 3, with 202 sisters present. Devotions were conducted by Stirling East, and Mrs. Crowden's well chosen thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Our Women's Conference Day will be on Thurs., Sept. 6, in the Grote-st. chapel, commencing at 10 a.m. Arrangements are well in hand. Business and elections will be in the morning session, and the speaker at the afternoon session will be Miss Janet Hunting, on furlough from New Guinea. The evening speaker is to be Harold Gross, B.A., formerly of New Zealand, who is to be Associate Director of Christian Education in Australia. This session will be highlighted with numbers from the Churches of Christ Youth Choir.

The Overseas Mission Dept. arranged a morning tea at the Brotherhood Centre to farewell Dr. and Mrs. Williams and family. 50 people enjoyed having this brief opportunity, and quite a number hastened to the ship to wave them on their way. Our prayers go with this young

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### VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

At the Council meeting held in the  
Reception Room, Churches of Christ  
Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., on Fri.,  
Aug. 3, the President, Mrs. Stafford,  
welcomed 171 ladies, especially men-  
tioning new delegate for Hurst-  
bridge, Mrs. Newburn. Mrs. Searle  
(The Patch) focused thoughts upon  
God's command and promise, "Be  
still, and know that I am God."

The President introduced speaker,  
The Hon. J. J. Dedman, Director  
of Resettlement Dept. of Aust. Coun-  
cil of Churches, whose subject was  
Freedom from Hunger campaign,  
inter-church level. This campaign is  
to extend over five years for food  
production in backward countries.  
Cheques totalling £62/14/6 (repre-  
senting balance from two missionary  
camps and donation from Nth. Essen-  
don group) presented to Mr. Dedman.

Sixteen apologies were received.  
Correspondence confirmed booking of  
St. Kilda Town Hall for Women's  
Day of Conference, 1963. Visits re  
"W. to W." evangelism have been  
arranged to Shepparton and Echuca  
— Dunolly and Ararat. Further en-  
quiries are being received. Corres-  
pondence dealing with business, reso-  
lutions, etc., for Federal Conference,  
Tasmania — ratified by Council. We  
are pleased that Miss Jan Hunting  
will be guest speaker at October  
Council. Dept. of Christian Educa-  
tion has invited a representative  
from C.W.F. — appointment of Mrs.  
Newham ratified. Thanks to Com-  
mittee of Management for extra seat-  
ing for Reception Room.

General Business: Executive recom-  
mends that C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.)  
becomes affiliated with the National  
Council of Women of Victoria — two  
representatives, Senior Vice-President  
and Mrs. N. Cheal — ratified. The  
Evening Fellowship will be present-  
ing Trial by Jury at the Women's  
Session of the Half-Yearly Conven-  
tion at Bendigo.

Bereavements: Rod McGregor, Mrs.  
Payne, Mr. Flinger, Miss Enniss, Ken  
Sheriff. Prayers were offered on their  
behalf.

Treasurer's report — Mrs. Gilles-  
pie. Approximately £1,200 received to  
date for Monbulk refunding. Group  
meetings have been arranged by the  
Missionary Committee for Jan Hunt-  
ing — Box Hill, Sept. 13; Footscray,  
Sept. 19; Thornbury, Sept. 20; Oak-  
leigh, Oct. 2, and Gardiner, Oct. 3.  
Meeting closed with singing of C.W.F.  
hymn and benediction — E. M. Ran-  
kine, Sec.

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