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The Meaning of Faith

E. L. Williams, M.A.

In the New Testament the word "faith" is used in three senses. Jude speaks of the faith once delivered to the saints. "The faith" here means a system of thought or body of doctrine. The writer to the Hebrews says the faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Here is represented the common meaning of faith. It is a process of mind and heart and will. With this understanding, we think of faith as belief, trust, confidence. Paul lists faith among those qualities which are the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Here faith is understood as faithfulness.

Faith as a Philosophy

Philosophy in general is concerned with ultimate reality, truth, meaning. What is the meaning of the universe, life, history? Is it all to be explained in terms of physical forces and accidental processes, or in terms of a Creative Mind, spiritual forces and an eternal purpose?

The faith once delivered to the saints is a philosophy of life, for it involves a whole body of ideas about reality, truth and meaning. It begins with a doctrine of God which takes into account his nature, character and activity in relation to the world, man and history. From faith's doctrine of God flows its system of thought about the nature of the world, the meaning of history, the nature of man, the meaning and purpose of life. Linked up with these ultimates is the whole system of Christian doctrines derived from the New Testament's witness to what has been given in revelation.

Some may think that philosophy is impractical and unimportant. This is true of mere speculation, but our philosophy of life is most important, for it determines the practicalities of life. It is true that there are some beliefs that have no practical bearing on life. There are also inconsistencies between belief and life. Some Christians may live like atheists, and some atheists may live like Christians, but in the main what we believe about God, man and life makes all the difference to the way we live. One philosophy of life may lead a man to eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow he dies; another philosophy may lead a man to retire into seclusion, suppressing all normal desire, that he may escape the suffering that comes from unfulfilled desire; another philosophy may lead its devotee to crusade with the sword, that others may confess that there is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet; another philosophy may draw men into the cause which is ready to kill men for the sake of humanity; while yet another philosophy of life will draw men to leave all that they may serve where need is deepest, where life is darkest, and where work is hardest. In short, they seek to

live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

While recognising that life is more than logic, and that in the deep things of our faith there is always an element of mystery, it is necessary that we should seek to define our faith. Christians need help in defining their faith. This is no task for amateurs. Such a service can be rendered only by those who have been trained for the task.

Not only must the faith be defined, it must be defended. Always there has been a battle for the mind. Today, competing ideologies are militant. It is not enough to declare simply that "the Bible says." Those who proclaim the faith once delivered to the saints must be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, and define their faith in terms that will meet the demands of those who are not among the saints.

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K. R. Paves, M.A. and Principal E. L. Williams, M.A.
Mr. Paves was recently appointed as a member
of the College Faculty.

• EDITORIAL

THE PAST FACES THE FUTURE

The other evening I sat and took a long look at over five hundred years of church history. It wasn't as tedious an assignment as it sounds, for the history I looked at was symbolised in ten men — a varied group of men, united in the one fact that, fifty or more years ago, they entered Glen Iris College of the Bible to begin their training. Their younger co-members of the College Old Boys' Club honored them in what proved to be the highlight of the annual reunion. Ten men, each with fifty or more years of Christian service behind him, sat before us, representing a sum total of more than five hundred years' ministry. Among them were former missionaries, with years of experience in India and China behind them; former Conference Presidents; a College lecturer (surely the dean of them all!) and a former College Principal; one of the finest youth leaders either Australia or New Zealand has known; men with overseas as well as Australian ministries behind them; well-loved Army and hospital chaplains, and others who have lived out their years, not as full-time ministers, but as invaluable friends and co-workers.

As we thanked God for men like these, there wasn't one of us who didn't also thank him for the College which made their service — and ours — possible. And behind the College are the vision and the sacrifice which brought it into being and have maintained it ever since, and the selfless service of faculty and staff from which has developed a treasured tradition in the life of Australian Churches of Christ.

Our *Fifty Years Ago* column reminds us that it is just half a century since the still existing classroom and dormitory building was officially opened. Even then, one writer for the special College Number was complaining that both the new building and the College grounds were "far and away too small;" other articles in the same issue show both the joy of accomplishment and the determination to go on to bigger things.

When those ten men sat on the platform of the College lecture room the other night, they sat facing both the present and the future — the ministers now at work in the churches and the students soon to join them in full-time ministries. That was exactly how these men would wish it to be, for the years have only intensified, rather than taken away, their forward look, and they still serve. They would urge us not to be too pre-occupied with the past, save to heed its warnings and receive its encouragements; we must deal with the issues of today, we must have our faces set to the future.

From the beginning, the College has aimed to be a College of *the Bible*, in fact as well as in

name. Its teachers have approached their task in the spirit of the great Baptist preacher, C. H. Spurgeon, who, when criticised for his apparent slowness in defending the Bible against attacks, retorted: "Defend the Bible? I would as soon think of defending a lion! Unchain it, and it will defend itself!" In quoting this story, James S. Stewart has commented: "This has been the true apostolic spirit from the first century to the twentieth." It is certainly the spirit in which the Bible is approached in College classrooms, and in the studies of ministers who received their basic training there.

That this is as vital as ever is surely reflected in the numbers that come every year to begin this training — men and women who know that if they are effectively to serve their Master, now and in the future, it must be with standards of Christian education and discipleship that help to fit them for speaking an authentic and relevant word. Those standards can only be maintained and developed as the College grows, through the prayers and practical gifts of its friends. Sunday, Oct. 7 gives us *all* a chance to share in that way.



Exit Students, 1962.



H. S. Prime. R. L. Baxter. B. J. Ricketts. K. A. Mason. K. R. Bowes. A. J. Matheson. B. J. Adams. G. T. Lawrie.

What Would You Say to a Young Man Who Was Considering Giving Himself to Full-Time Service?

SAY! YOUNG MEN!

Keith D. Horne, S.A.

When we were children, some well meaning adult often said to us, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" They had in mind, of course, the occupation or career you were going to choose. Before coming to your present position you have no doubt changed your mind many times. Now you are considering "full-time service," and this is the most important decision you have had to make. It is, of course, true that in God's mind there is no essential difference between the call to a secular vocation and the call to "full-time service." If all of life belongs to God, what you are in your secular work can just as truly be serving God. There are, however, some essential differences.

For young people reared in the Church it is only natural that at some time they will consider the possibility of becoming a full-time worker in terms of the ministry at home or the Mission field. The Church needs young people like you, and as you decide, consider these factors.

First, why do you want to do this? Henry Drummond once said, "There are two great classes of people in the Christian world today: (1) those who have God's will in their character, and (2) those who likewise have God's will in their career. The first are in the world to live. They have *life*. The second are in the world to minister. They have *mission*. You can truly express

your faith in Jesus Christ as you take the steps that lead you to your life's work. Be sure your motives are right — you do this for One alone, Jesus Christ."

Second, your role in the Church's life and work is determined by your gifts. This involves a great deal more than aptitudes. Everything you are and have, your standards, your skills and even your faith are a gift from God. These can very often be the best guide as to what God is calling you to do.

Thirdly, the ministry of the Church is a preaching and pastoral ministry, but it is more than this. This is a complex world, big and ever-changing, and great demands are made on the people who would effectively serve this present age. There is a demand for men and women of high and holy purpose. Extensive education is necessary so that this high and holy calling can be pursued with intelligence as well as zeal. This is why the Church in its wisdom has established a College to train and equip men for service.

When you enter College be prepared to learn, to grow, to give of your best at all times and to seize every opportunity to equip yourself for your life's work. Remember also that now, then, and always you will be expected to give of your best to the Master, who in calling you to serve is giving you this special opportunity for service.



K. A. Gluyas. J. R. Welden. W. C. Compston. D. R. Olafsen. J. R. Wise. D. J. Andrews. J. W. Lowrey. K. H. Pitt.



T. R. Mason.

G. Setsman.

W. J. Gaunson.

D. J. Marr.

R. D. Sidler.

B. A. Astley.

C. J. Heier.

M. J. Drake.

"Dare We Anticipate . . ."

George Smith, W.A.

Looking back was an unprofitable occupation for Lot's wife. Without fear of being encrusted in salt, my thoughts return seventeen years when, as a young man just returned from R.A.A.F. service, I made a decision which I have neither forgotten nor regretted. I recall almost consuming the 1946 issue of *The Australian Christian* which featured the College of the Bible, eager to discover all possible facts about the institution to which I had applied for training. It was beyond my wildest aspirations that, within a decade and a half, my home church, which farewelled me as I left for Glen Iris the following year, would welcome me back as its minister.

Only God knows the future with any degree of accuracy, but to men is given the task to anticipate it. Today, thousands of specialists in every field of human economy are working on plans to meet the needs of communities in decades to come. Visionary drawings of 1962 will become the cars, ships and aircraft of five, ten and twenty years hence. Universities and colleges patiently prepare men in the 60's to become doctors and scientists of the 70's and 80's. In our cities, architects are preparing road and building needs for 2000 A.D.

Isn't it feasible to suggest that a more important anticipation is being carried out by the brotherhood College as men and women are challenged by its very presence in their midst, and enter its doors for training? This human material is the basic requirement for the minis-

ters and missionaries, workers and administrators for Mission fields, churches and Conference Departments of future decades.

Only those completely lacking in visionary insight will neglect investing in God's training programme. Stewardship rightly applied in 1962 will bring rich dividends in 1972 and 1982. I owe a debt to the men of the College faculty who gave four years of their life to train me for service. Also to the brotherhood which provided the College of the Bible to which I could go.

Perhaps there are young men and women who will read this issue of the *Christian* at a time when they are considering their future. You have a life to give. Sit down and consider what the years ahead could be used for. Weigh in the balance earthly ambitions. Compare them with the possibility of being in the centre of God's work and will, serving the Living Christ day and night throughout your years. If the Spirit of God directs your thoughts to service, before you finalise any plans for the future write to the College, and secure information about its training course. Seek out a minister or missionary who has been to Glen Iris, and discuss the matter fully. Then surrender it all to God for direction and blessing.

From such small beginnings who could dare anticipate what the future could hold for a young man or woman, willing to be used for Christ and his Church. Perhaps in ten years' time you will be his only answer to a vacant Mission field or a leaderless church or a Departmental post. God alone knows. Dare you anticipate?



T. A. Morrison.

T. F. Lawrie.

M. Glezendanner.

B. H. White.

G. A. Harrison.

I. D. Glenkiron.

R. W. Lawton.

A. B. Dowsett.



J. Dow.

N. B. Wells.

I. F. Groves.

G. B. Carslake.

F. Rees.

J. E. Paver.

A. V. Page.

P. Andrews.

Immortality of Service

Gifts to Christian Colleges are an extension of a Christian's personality. Any Christian can live on a farm, in a village or in a city, and at the same time live in the classroom of a College of his choice. A Christian can practise medicine or law, or run a farm, or engage in business, or keep house and at the same time stand in the classroom of a College and help prepare young people for the ministry of the Word. Or he can be present in a library where facilities have been provided, or in a dormitory or other building which has been built.

Money is a part of Christian personality and can be used to express or extend — at a distance and over a long period of time — the interests and concerns of that personality.

Moreover, gifts to Christian Colleges provide a means through which a Christian can assure a real and practical immortality here on earth; that is, he can go on doing things that are of vital worth to the church for generation after generation.

Immortality is part of our Christian faith, and we look forward in faith to the fruition of our earthly life "in heavenly places." However, we can perpetuate our interest and concern in the work of Christ on earth, and in doing so can enter into the immortality of service. How could one make a better investment of money — which is coined personality — than in preparing young people to carry the message of Christ into the whole world? — *Dean O. L. Shelton.*



K. R. Turner.

C. A. Smith.

C. G. Dredge.

K. J. Edwards.

A. J. Storay.

I. E. Allsop.

THE MEANING OF FAITH (cont. from p. 578)

Faith as Commitment

While definitions are necessary expressions of our philosophy of life, the ultimate of our faith is devotion. The essence of Christianity is devotion to a Person. As commonly used, both in the New Testament and in Christian parlance, faith is commitment. It is such belief in God that we yield our lives to his sovereignty. In practical terms, our Christian faith is trust in Christ as Saviour and obedience to him as Lord.

In this commitment we are one. Interpretations and definitions may differ, and even divide us, but the bond of unity is our commitment. Our definitions may even err here and there, but for all that he whom we trust saves us, and he whom we obey is in reality Lord.

Young men and women come to College because of this faith which is commitment. While College seeks to help them to define their faith, both for themselves and others, at the same time it endeavors to magnify faith as commitment.

Faith as Fidelity

It is part of the Christian philosophy that all life is a trust. We are stewards, and it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

With unswerving faithfulness to the ultimates of the faith, the College seeks to ground young men and women to be faithful stewards of truth, faithful heralds of the Saviour and faithful servants of the Lord.

Faithfulness requires efficiency. None can be a faithful steward in a particular task without equipment for that task.

We need more young men and women whose faith commits them to the discipline of training to be the best they can be. There is also a need for more Christians whose faith commits them to the discipline of enabling the College to be the best it can be. The faith once delivered to the saints calls us to faith as commitment and to faith as fidelity.



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Letter from Miss Jessie M. Trout

The following letter is from Miss Jessie M. Trout, who is Field Liaison Officer for the Division of World Mission of the United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples of Christ, America). Miss Trout writes of her experiences in India and Nepal, and her purpose in visiting Australia and New Zealand.

"Dear Friends,

En route from India I visited Nepal, New Zealand, and Australia. In addition to the interesting aspects of life which vary more or less in every country, the most thrilling thing is the fellowship one finds with church people. The old hymn is right — there is a tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, and one soon finds one's self at home amidst those who are concerned with the spread of the gospel at home and abroad.

To be in India was a great experience. The problems are great and the task is stupendous. The Indian Government is ably tackling the almost insurmountable job of improving living standards, teaching better hygiene, establishing schools, raising economic levels, improving agricultural methods, etc. To do this for 438,000,000 people, whose population is increasing by 25,000 a day, is formidable. The Christian mission of the Church is glad to assist as it provides hospitals, schools, social work, agricultural experiments, etc. In addition, the Church tackles the more difficult job of preaching Jesus Christ as Lord, and the only Saviour. This latter task is not nearly so welcome. Many people quietly admit to their friends or the preacher that they would like to become Christian, but tradition, family, religious prejudices, etc., make it difficult, and there are some in positions of authority who would make it impossible for missionaries to enter. There are others, however, who, though unmindful of their own need for change, welcome missionaries.

There are well-established churches under Indian leadership, and some of those who oppose the coming of missionaries point to those churches and Indian Christians, and declare that they have freedom to practise and preach their faith. This is true (under

the law, for India is a secular state) but there are too few churches and too few Christians to make any great progress in the evangelisation of India. They need to be supported by the prayers of all Christians, and by the presence among them of missionaries who are there as colleagues. The schools, hospitals, village evangelism, agricultural improvements, social service projects, etc., need much more financial support than we have ever thought of giving. The way we Christians "dabble" at world mission is an affront to our Lord and sometimes a denial of our affirmation that he, and he alone, has the answer to the world's suffering and chaos.

Nepal is a fascinating country. It was exciting to fly into the very foothills of the Himalayas and to see, away in the distance, Mount Everest. It was equally exciting to be in a country which was only opened to foreigners in 1951. Since then the King and his Government have welcomed agricultural, economic, sanitation, educational missions from many lands. They have also permitted Christians to start extensive medical work. The law forbids anyone to change 'the religion handed down to him from ancient times,' and so the Church as such has not been organised. All the medical work is openly done in the name of Christ, and opportunities for nurses, patients and their families to learn of him are available. The medical work which was started by Drs. Robert and Bethel Fleming in 1954 is ecumenical. More than one hundred persons from twelve countries are supported by seventeen Boards. Perhaps this ecumenicity in action was the most thrilling thing about Nepal. Disciples of Christ are represented in the United Mission to Nepal by Elizabeth Hill, anaesthetist in the hospital at Kathmandu, and by Miss Chandrakumari Jakau, a nurse, the first missionary sent out and supported by our Indian Church. Brian Richards, the pharmacist, is a Disciple from Adelaide, Australia. (Brian is a graduate of the Federal College of the Bible and a member of the Dulwich church). A Nepalese who became a Christian in India returned to his own country to preach. He is now serving a six-year term in prison for having converted several people. His exemplary life and good conduct in prison continue his witness for Christ. Please pray for him and for all Christians in Nepal.

It was thrilling to see Australia again, and to visit New Zealand for the first time. I am sure that no other lands excel these two countries in the friendliness and hospitality of their people. Within the church, Christian fellowship is heart-warming and gracious. My purpose in going to the lands 'down under' was to meet with their respective Mission committees. On behalf of the World Mission Division of The United Christian Missionary Society, I was asking the Boards for their co-operation in recruiting missionaries for India. (Commonwealth citizens do not need a visa for the lands within the Commonwealth). Both the Foreign Missions Committee of New Zealand and the Overseas Mission Board of Australia were receptive to our suggestion for co-operation. Whatever recruiting is done will be done through the Board, for certainly we do not want to be in any way competitive with their own needs for missionary personnel. New Zealand has missionary work in Southern Rhodesia and has just recently sent a missionary doctor family and two nurses to the Australian work in New Hebrides. Australia works in India, New Guinea and New Hebrides, and by August will have 51 missionaries. This is all the more wonderful when one remembers that the membership of our churches in Australia is somewhat under 40,000.

I wish I could take time to write about the one-day missionary rally which I attended at Macclesfield in South Australia, or the district C.W.F. luncheon in Petoni (near Wellington, N.Z.). I should like to write of the Festival in Adelaide, where I heard a massed choir of 400 voices with the London Philharmonic under Sir Malcolm Sargent. But even if I wrote of all these things and other events I would still not tell the full story. I need to tell of individuals, their kindness, gracious hospitality, delightful humor and Christian commitment. I had a wonderful time in these two countries which we so glibly speak of in one breath, forgetting that they are separated by some 1,300 miles and have few similarities, except belonging to the Commonwealth and using the English language (albeit with quite different accents).

I had a short stop at Honolulu, and again experienced the gracious hospitality of the folk in our churches. The Jacobs of our older church met me and the Kains of our new church there saw me on my way.

Now I am in Paraguay. Already I am beginning to feel the needs and sense the opportunities and challenge.

Yours sincerely,

Jessie M. Trout."

HERE AND THERE

Special material used in this annual College Number was provided through the Organising Secretary, K. A. Jones. We would remind our readers in all States save N.S.W. that the Annual Offering for the work of the Federal College will be received on Sun., Oct. 7.

F. A. Langford, minister at Bordertown, S.A., will commence a ministry at Belmont, Vic., early in 1963.

Dennis M. Hughes has accepted the invitation of the church at Williams-town, S.A., to continue his ministry for a further two years.

Gordon Summers, a member of North Perth (W.A.) church, has been chosen to represent that State in the Basketball Carnival to be held in Sydney.

Acting on professional advice, the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education has postponed the opening date of the new Monbulk Camp property until Sat., Nov. 10, at 3 p.m. All interested friends are asked to note this change of date.

The first Interstate Consultation on Christian Education in Government Schools was held at The Basin (Vic.), from Aug. 27 to 31. Representatives of all States and principal Protestant Churches conferred about the nature of Christian Education in Government Schools, its relationship to the mission of the Church, and compared the opportunities offered by varying State legislation and the relationship of Christian Education in schools to the local congregations. The information pooled will assist each State plan future work in Government Schools. F. T. Morgan and D. W. Hibburt were delegates for the C.C.E.S. (Vic.) and Victorian Churches of Christ respectively.

On Aug. 19, the new church building at Tumbay Bay, S.A., was opened by Mrs. Brock and dedicated by D. P. Holloway (minister). The chapel and foyer were packed for the dedication service, with many visitors attending from neighboring churches. There were excellent attendances for the B.S. anniversary on the 26th. The church was pleased to have fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. I. Durdin and Miss Janet Hunting. Mr. Durdin was morning speaker on that day. At the distribution of prizes and certificates on the 27th, 43 scholars gained 100 per cent attendance, David Nankivell and Karen Cartmel completing 10 years' unbroken attendance.

West Preston (Vic.) Christian Endeavorers gained two awards at the World's C.E. Convention held in Sydney. Lorraine Bertram won first prize in the drama writing competition, and the Y.P.C.E. magazine, *Progress*, first prize in the magazine section.

With the introduction of the "Teaching on Giving" campaign now being conducted by the church at Taree, N.S.W., the local assembly has high hopes of calling a second minister to the district, increasing its giving to brotherhood work, and erecting a new hall for youth work and church activities. Don. McElvenny, member of the Kingsford church, and designer of present church building, was in the district on the weekend of Sept. 8 to offer advice and suggest a plan for adoption. Should the church adopt this new building proposal, it will mean the third new building in five years — the church building, a kindergarten hall, and a church and Sunday school hall. — A. W. Billingham.

Rosalie Scott, of Newbridge, Vic., is slowly improving in Bendigo Hospital following an operation after an accident caused by a dog jumping at her and discharging a rifle she was holding. Rosalie is a member of Dunolly (Vic.) church.

N. W. Preston, who for some years was secretary of the Morwell (Vic.) church, and who recently assisted with the commencement of a church at Traralgon, has been elected Mayor of the Borough of Traralgon. Councillor Preston made it quite clear before accepting nomination, that his cupboard would be "dry," and even in view of this firm stand he received the unanimous vote of council.

Surrey Hills (Vic.) church has about 15 forms, with reversible backs, which it will make available to a congregation needing them. Several of the forms need repairs. Any interested should contact the minister, R. A. Ryall, 6 The Avenue, Surrey Hills, E.10. Phone 83-7577.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Whiting and family arrived in Melbourne on Sept. 11, from U.S.A., en route to Adelaide, where they are visiting relatives. They will return to Victoria to commence a ministry with the church at Hartwell on the 30th.

Norway's average church attendance has risen 14.2 per cent in the past five years, according to newly published results of a comparative survey made last year. During the

same period, the national population increased only 4.4 per cent. The rise was attributed partly to the greater number of church services offered to the people than five years earlier. But it was influenced also by the efforts of this country's Committee for Increased Church Attendance and its supporters at the parish level.

Congratulations are extended to Cr. M. Deuter, a member of Ringwood church, Vic., on his election as Mayor of the City of Ringwood.

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Pyramid - Boort Circuit Inaugurated

Over 50 people gathered for the induction of C. G. Henderson to a ministry with the church at Boort, Vic., on Sept. 10.

Formation of a circuit between the Pyramid and Boort congregations has been made possible by the generous and co-operative spirit of the Pyramid church, with which Mr. Henderson has been serving for several months, in being ready to share him with Boort.

A. Streader presided over the gathering. Welcomes and good wishes were expressed by C. T. Holloway (Anglican minister, on behalf of the Ministers' Association), L. N. Whitaker (church warden, Anglican congregation), H. D. Cable (Methodist), M. J. Favaloro (Presbyterian), G. D. Wilkinson (Baptist) and E. Broad (on behalf of Pyramid church). Speeches were couched in most friendly and personal terms, as most of the speakers had known Mr. Henderson from boyhood because of his family's residence in the district. Because of his long personal association with the Henderson family, the President of the Gordon Shire, Councillor A. L. T. Poxon, graced the gathering with his presence, and personally welcomed the new minister to the shire and town.

W. W. Saunders, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Sec., conducted the Induction Service, delivering the charge to both minister and congregation, giving a brief message to the church, and welcoming Mr. Henderson on behalf of Boort church. After responding to the welcome speeches, Mr. Henderson, in an appropriate message, described the church with which he would like to work as one that was marked by courage, conviction and consecration.

The gathering indicated that the present Boort congregation is esteemed in the town, and the dominant note was one of hopefulness and optimism regarding the future of the church under the leadership of Mr. Henderson. A lavish supper, prepared by the Boort ladies, brought the occasion to a close.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
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Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Official Opening of New College Building. — Many were the anxious queries as to the prospects of the weather when the morning of Sept. 14 dawned. Despite the gloomy predictions of sympathetic but pessimistic friends of the College, the rain did not deter some four hundred from attending the official opening of the new building at Glen Iris. A most pleasing feature of the gathering was its representative character. The writer noticed members, not only from most of the suburban churches, but also from places as far distant as Berwick, Dandenong and Montrose. Many thanks are due to Madame McLelland and to the Swanston-st. choir for musical items very agreeably rendered. —W. Rothery.

W. H. Clay Engaged. — The Victorian Home Missionary Committee has offered an engagement to Bro. W. H. Clay to work with Bro. Hagger. He will take charge of the singing in the various missions, do personal work, and, when necessary, preach. This will make the missions more effective. But a larger income will now be necessary.

British Conference. — The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland was held in Edinburgh on Aug. 5. The following extract from the report will show the numerical strength of the cause in the mother land: "Annual returns from 201 churches showed a membership of 14,778. Sunday Schools reporting numbered 169, with 18,378 scholars and 1,888 teachers.

Changes in Home Missions in S.A. — Some changes are taking place in the H.M. work in South Australia. J. T. Train, from Goolwa, has been appointed to Murray Bridge for twelve months, commencing Sept. 8, where a cause will be established. P. Warhurst, of Wallaroo, will remove to Naracoorte; J. Wiltshire, of Stirling East, has accepted the invitation of the Evangelistic Union Committee to take up the work at Wallaroo. Theo. Edwards has accepted the call of the Stirling East and Aldgate Valley church. These changes will probably take place before the end of October.

Advances at Colac. — The Colac (Vic.) Bible School has two adult classes, one for married people, with Bro. Jenner as teacher, and one for single people, with Bro. Chandler as teacher; the former has an enrolment of 23, the latter of 70. During the progress of the mission at Colac there have been 53 confessions, one baptised believer added to the church, 25 new scholars enrolled in the school, nine new subscribers to the A.C.

QUESTIONS

A. E. White.

What are your suggestions for giving communion talks?

The communion talk is not so effective an introduction to the Lord's Table as many think, and last week I suggested as alternatives: preparation by silence and preparation by prayer.

There are two other means of introduction which I commend.

We could make more of the Bible. Not, however, more use of Luke 22 or 1 Cor. 11! It could be a good thing if Luke 22 and 1 Cor. 11 were banished from the Lord's Table for a year or even longer. Following the set example, our younger presidents often feel that it is expected of them to read one or other of the two N.T. descriptions of the Supper. We would appreciate these lovely passages more if we did not abuse them by over-use. Any Scripture which exalts God in Christ is appropriate for the Lord's Table.

We could make more use of poems or hymns. I am sure that by reading or reciting a poem or hymn that has feeling, simplicity, and sincerity — and is centred on Christ — we can effectively prepare the congregation.

I am not seeking to dispense with the communion talk, but I am asking that it become one of many ways of preparation, rather than the only way.

Suggestions for the talk: 1. Do keep Christ central. 2. Don't try to be profound, be simple and direct. "Some folk think they are deep when they are only muddy." 3. Do present one thought only. This is no place for a three-point sermonette. 4. Don't exceed three minutes. 5. Do prepare carefully. Write it out in full, this will assist in clarity and brevity. 6. Don't think that years of experience will make preparation unnecessary. 7. Do keep in touch with the congregation. If we clutter up our communion talks with words and ideas that are far removed from the experience or understanding of our hearers, we succeed only in making Christ remote instead of realising his reality. 8. Don't use the Lord's Table to exercise hobby-horses. If you've made pets out of theories, don't display them here. 9. Do avoid churchy words that are substitutes for clear thinking. Don't use a word unless you can define it clearly to yourself. 10. Don't get over emotional or sentimental. You cannot lead in worship without deep feeling, but you can and must lead without losing control.

Next Week: What constitutes "idle words"?

(Send Questions to the Editor).

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., SEPT. 9. — As I spoke to the church at Short-st., Bendigo, this morning I noticed quite a few city folk who had stayed overnight following the very successful Half-Yearly Convention yesterday. In mid-afternoon, I left my kindly hosts (the Cecil Houstons) and drove about forty miles to Maryborough to speak at a united men's tea, and then to address a united service in the Methodist Church. After that, with two passengers on board, I headed the car for the long drive homewards.

MON., SEPT. 10. — I've been enjoying bookseller, A. H. Spencer's, reminiscences in his book, *The Hill of Content*. He gives a moving tribute to his hard-working, desperately poor, widowed mother: "No matter how closely she was beset by toil, how grey the long horizons unlit by any gleam of material relief, she ended every day with serene trust, and she began every day with the faith that moves mountains . . . She was the one earthly window through which I saw God."

TUES., SEPT. 11. — The Old Boys' reunion at the College of the Bible was a specially happy night. I found there was something Irish in me after all as I watched Viv. Stafford's colored views of that fair land.

WED., SEPT. 12. — In between pastoral visitation and Christian writing, I managed to enjoy a chuckle over one of Spencer's stories concerning his mother. For all its humor, it's not without its warning to ministers. It appeared that, after much diligent saving, she had accumulated 1/8, which she wanted her minister to accept towards some special church fund. Knowing she couldn't afford it, the kindly man demurred, and was promptly ordered out of the house. Much later, the Scottish minister told Spencer the sequel. "Do ye know, Bair-r-r-tie," he said, "'twas sax months before the kirk saw her again, and I was fretting for her... but when I again dared to visit her she placed one and eightpence in my hand, and I durna say a word! I was only thankful to be received!"

THURS., SEPT. 13. — Tonight I presided over one of those committee meetings that help you to realise something of what the Apostle Paul meant by "the care of all the churches." But there are joys, too.

FRI., SEPT. 14. — It was a pleasure to share in the dinner at the Centre to meet Sister Jean Delaney, of New Zealand, en route to our New Hebrides Mission.

SAT., SEPT. 15. — This afternoon we were privileged to take part in the opening service of the impressive new Surrey Hills chapel.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

QUEENSLAND

Albion (M. H. A. Pieper). — Successful Father and Son tea, Sept. 2, when 75 fathers and sons attended. Guest speaker following tea was Prof. A. F. Wilson, who showed colored slides of various places visited on world tour undertaken in his capacity as Head of Dept. of Geology, Qld. University. Young men from Churches of Christ Brisbane Youth Choir brought selection of negro spirituals, at tea, and later brought further messages in song at special Father's Day service. Highlight on 9th was monthly youth service, when various Y.P., who recently helped to win silver cup in talent quest between Albion and Ann-st. churches, took effective part in service. Young lad and married man made good confession.

Chinchilla (D. A. Norling). — Officers elected at annual meeting were: elders: R. Clark, S. Blanchard; deacons: F. Davis, J. Heath, O. Johnson, snr., P. Blanchard, T. Holmes; sec., R. Clark; treas., G. Thomas. Church regrets losing fellowship of Mr. and Mrs. R. Holmes, returning to Warwick shortly. K. Harvey (Camp Hill) addressed annual C.E. rally, combined with Wambo-16 Mile church. Address of A. Thurrowgood (Toowoomba) appreciated.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Taree (V. T. Parker). — The visit of K. E. Crawford (N.S.W. Director of Home Missions and Evangelism) was helpful. Mr. Crawford was accompanied by his wife and children. Church gained profit through his morning message on Sept. 2, and from his instruction to counsellors and hostesses on Teaching on Giving, on 4th and 5th. Campaign launched Sat., Sept. 15. E. M. Saxby led Father's Day service p.m., Sept. 2, F. V. Murray gave testimony, other men shared in reading and song, and message given by V. T. Parker.

Marrickville (M. Bedwell). — Speakers at the recent Missionary Life Gift Fellowship meetings have been Mrs. Bell (Oriental Missionary Soc.), who showed colored slides of Hong Kong and Korea, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Heard, on furlough from India. Recent a.m. speakers were H. N. Pell (org. sec., National C.E. Union) and P. E. Thomas. Well attended family tea, Aug. 10, when church officers presented aims for next 4 years, and

Alan Leane told The Austral Story. Bruce Townsend (Campaigners for Christ) challenged Y.P. at Youtharama, 11th. Film, The Secret of the Gift, screened p.m. 12th. B.S. play night, 17th, much appreciated. C.M.S. entered two teams in C. of C. C.M.S. Indoor Bowls Competition. Harold Arthur addressed C.M.S. tea, 19th, on Right Side Up in a Submarine. C.W.F. picnic meeting at Carss Park, Blakehurst, Sept. 4.

North Parramatta (R. V. Holt). — R. V. Holt (Woolwich) commenced interim ministry Sept. 2. Church intends to have part-time ministry from Jan., 1963, during which it is hoped a manse will be purchased ready for a full-time minister. Mrs. Clarke has undergone hospital treatment. Av. attendances Aug.: a.m., 22; p.m., 30; communion, 27.

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). — Thompson-st. B.S. anniversary celebrated Aug. 19, with K. Crawford as speaker; special singing, J. Morrison conducting. Prizegiving on 20th. Dr. Koch spoke, 26th. H. Pearson and Mr. Harper both ill. Cheryl Stanton 3rd prize in B.S. exams.

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.). — World C.E. Convention featured Aug. 12. Combined Brigades paraded 19th. Father and Son service conducted Sept. 2, when fathers and sons took part. Adult Christian Education has moved into final phase for year. Messages have been appreciated from E. W. Heard (India), L. E. Wylie (Conf. Pres.), D. Schofield (Woolwich). Visitors have also included R. McKenzie (Ormond, Vic.), Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoens (Ann-st., Brisbane), R. Browitt (Brighton, Vic.), Mr. and Mrs. M. Taylor (Canberra, A.C.T.). Sympathy extended to members of family of late Mrs. Budgen. A girl has confessed her faith in Christ.

Hornsby. — Services of church have been improved with purchase of new electronic Lowrey organ, used for first time Aug. 19. Church supported special meetings at Epping on 22nd. F. A. Pennington (B. & F. B. S.) speaker a.m. 26th. Number of members ill. Monthly after-church fellowship held Sept. 9. Speakers have been Messrs. Bartholomew, Cole, Dallinger, Fennell, Ellerby, Oswald, Roberts. A young man has made his decision for Christ.

Tamworth (F. D. Craig). — J. Ives speaker at C.M.S. tea. Captain (Mrs.) Cohen (Salvation Army) speaker at C.W.F. meeting, Aug. 13. Miss Wil-

Discipleship

Robyn Neal, Tamworth, N.S.W.
Caroline Hoberg, Glenis Hopkins, Geoffrey, Dorothy, Christine Brand, Ascot Park, S.A.
G. Black, Hornsby, N.S.W.
Cheryl Long, Burwood, N.S.W.
Virginia Couser, Rodney Prime, Bayswater, Vic.
Carole Woolf, Box Hill, Vic.
Peter Waugh, A. W. A. Fletcher, Albion, Qld.
M. Houghton, Mrs. R. Wilson, East Malvern, Vic.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy, Tamworth to Inverell, N.S.W.

Marriage

Elaine Somerville to John Morris;
Linda Gay to John Stow, Burwood, N.S.W.
Joan Dalton to Robert Broadbent, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. G. Budgen, Burwood, N.S.W.
Mrs. P. Foote, Queenstown, S.A.
Rose Truman, Bordertown, S.A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

North Perth (J. K. Robinson). — Visit of Mr. Mellsoop (C.I.M.) enjoyed. C.M.S. members painted kinder furniture. Church had fellowship with S. Hiwale and B. Bhonsle, Indian fraternal delegates to Federal Conference. They spoke to J.C.E., B.S. and Y.P. at youth tea. Mr. Hiwale also addressed church at morning service. Sympathy extended to Stephens family in Home call of Mr. Stephens, snr. Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Chatfield home from hospital; Mr. Meldrum back at services. C.Y.F. visited Fremantle Power Station. J.C.E. and kinder dept. welcomed new members. Some of basketball teams have reached finals.

kinson (Salvation Army) rendered item. C.W.F. mission sewing displayed at missionary rally 17th, when S. Fairfull (M.A.F.) showed slides and film of work of M.A.F. in New Guinea and Mexico. Mr. Fairfull also spoke at C.Y.F. tea 19th, and showed audio-visual. Ladies met at manse for social evening 22nd. C.Y.F. held Talent Quest, when some unsuspected talents were revealed. Teenage girl baptised Sept. 2, and a young married man made confession of faith in Christ. D. Crawford gave demonstration of power tools at C.M.S. tea, Sept. 3. Many visitors welcomed to services.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). -- Special Father's Day messages given Sept. 2. C.W.F. held Basket of Surprises afternoon, 5th. Street stall realised over £40. Church welcomed two by transfer. Three Woolwich students visited church, 8th, 9th. They showed slides and entertained with music on 8th, and assisted in Sunday morning service, K. Jenner being speaker.

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle).—Good meetings during Aug. At close of service, Sept. 2, a man made good confession and was baptised 9th. Barbecue arranged by girls' and boys' clubs realised £5 towards Building Fund. Church pleased to have fellowship with and talk from Miss Edna Lincoln, missionary at Carnarvon, W.A. C.W.F. was entertained by Miss Olive Walker, with slides of her overseas tour.

Hamilton (W. D. Howard).—Thanks is extended to R. Elbourne (Georgetown) and R. Carlin, who conducted services, Aug. 19, due to illness of minister. Izumi Wanatabe (field sec., Japanese C.E. Union), who visited Australia for C.E. World Convention, was speaker at gospel meeting, Aug. 12. Enjoyable after-church fellowship largely attended by representatives of sister churches of district. Delight of evening was rendering of solos by visiting preacher. Illustrated address presented at midweek meeting, Aug. 14, when Miss Storfer (European Christian Mission) told of Mission's work. Many members still away on account of sickness. Church sympathises with Sis. Wensveen in loss of her mother. Sis. A. Smallman (Carnarvon, W.A.) brought illustrated address on work at Carnarvon Mission station. Many visitors during the month.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — Mr. Crosier (New Tribes Mission) gave a splendid illustrated address Aug. 8. During C.E. World Convention church had H. Westerhoff (U.S.A.) as morning speaker, and Elwood Dunn (Michigan, U.S.A.) at evening service. Mrs. Heard (India) speaker at C.W.F., 15th. D. Holmes (Hurstville) speaker at fellowship tea, 19th. C. S. Trudgian (supt. and manager, Brisbane City

Mission) speaker a.m. 26th. Three girls accepted the Lord. On 16th, C.W.F. held social evening at manse to honor Miss Essie Oldfield and Miss Linda Feetham, who for years have done so much for the church. G. Croot (assistant) gave first message to church, Sept. 9.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — Appropriate address Temperance Sunday, Sept. 9. Number of visitors at services. Five Y.P. baptised into Christ at gospel service and a lad made the good confession.

Bordertown (F. A. Langford). — Church annual business re-elected all officers, with addition of Chas. Barnett to eldership, and R. Thomas to Officers' Board. Mr. Barnett (church sec.) in Adelaide undergoing surgery. Church saddened by Home call of Sis. Rose Truman. Two B.S. girls made their decision for Christ. K. Patterson (Balaklava) was guest organiser of Stewardship of Money meetings. Church prayerfully plans to introduce this available stewardship. Visitors have been Sis. Jan Hunting (New Guinea) and Merle Gregg (China Inland Mission, Indonesia). B.S. held successful concert in conjunction with State Efficiency Campaign. Church appreciated screening of *Angel in Ebony*.

Queenstown (L. P. Austin).—Church saddened at passing of Mrs. P. Foote. Father and Son Welfare Movement held combined p.m. Adelaide District meetings in chapel last week of Aug. One of girls' basketball teams in Churches of Christ K grade won premiership. Annual business meeting, Aug. 27, revealed active works programme of property in coming year. Av. attendance of communicants for year, 75. A. Jones spoke at gospel meeting, Sept. 9.

Murray Bridge (H. Cave). — Lovely weather blessed day of B.S. anniversary, and presence of many past members added to happy times of fellowship. W. Philp (Strathalbyn) and H. Cave were speakers. Children entertained parents and friends at prizegiving concert night. Mrs. Hampt now convalescing. Minister and officers made new driveway at manse.

Williamstown (D. M. Hughes). — Preparation begun for Nov. mission, members following specially prepared daily devotional thoughts and set prayer times. Gym club, started alternate Friday nights, proving great opportunity to reach Y.P. not in churches.

Whyalla (R. Tippet). — Av. attendance Aug., a.m. 46. Morning services improved since stewardship campaign.

Mr. Irvine (Y.M.C.A.) spoke a.m. Aug. 19 and p.m. 26th. C.W.F. had Mrs. Woolford as guest speaker at evening meeting. Boys' and girls' clubs having good attendances. Speakers during minister's absence at State Conference were Messrs. Cheel (Meth.) and Hemmings (Y.M.C.A.). Annual meeting held. Good reports from all auxiliaries. Mrs. P. Smith represented C.W.F. at State Conference. Mrs. W. Berry home after a stay in hospital. Visitors have been welcomed.

VICTORIA

Croydon (W. J. Thomson).—Church rejoices to receive decisions of two B.S. boys. Good Companions took part in presenting project on India at Eastern District Conference. C.W.F. held afternoon at home of Mrs. Elliot, during which Mrs. Ashby screened films of recent trip to England. Tennis club has entered team for summer competitions. C.W.E.F. enjoyed Salmagundi and apron parade, Sept. 4. Mrs. Lowrey, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Williams have been absent through sickness. Sympathy expressed to Miss Skellern in passing of sister. C.Y.F. held tea and church parade, 9th, when John Lowrey (C.O.B.) was speaker. Explorers club visited Eastern Hill Fire Station.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — C.W.F. appreciated visit of three members of Women's Conference Executive to explain *Woman to Woman* evangelism. 18 members journeyed to Yarrawonga and enjoyed fellowship on occasion of their church anniversary. Good Companions club gave item at gospel service, Aug. 26. Av. weekly offering for eight months of year, £41/19/3. Services well attended on Father's Day, with several visitors welcomed. Fathers pleased congregation with choir item at gospel service, at which temperance film, *Far from Alone*, was screened.

Yarrawonga (D. Russell). — 37th church anniversary in Aug. C. G. Taylor (Conf. Pres.) was guest speaker at both services. Anniversary concluded on following Tuesday evening with fellowship tea. Good delegations came from Shepparton, Wangaratta, Albury. D. Oldfield gave address and Mrs. E. Walker (Shepparton) was soloist. Thankoffering was £155/18/-. Local members conducting services during minister's vacation.

Ararat (K. J. Hank). — Church has purchased house and property next door to chapel as new manse. It has now been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hank, after interior renovation. Car load visited St. Arnaud during their mission and ladies took two cars to special meeting of Horsham

W.M.B. Good Companions have been successfully reorganised under leadership of Sis. Hammond, Bryant and Luttrell. Boys' club is being reorganised. Every day 6 a.m. prayer meeting operating well as midweek prayer and Bible study. Church sorry to lose Carolyn Andrews, who is taking up nursing in Meib. Mrs. Viggers and Mr. Gason back after surgery, and Mrs. Biggin, Mrs. Rickars and Mrs. Freebell after long illness.

Morwell - Newborough - Traralgon (L. G. Armstrong). — Morwell B.S. anniversary, Aug. 19, well attended. Speaker at three services for day was J. Shaw (Springvale) who, with his wife, was warmly welcomed. Afternoon service closed with prizegiving to kinder and primary depts. All present at evening service enjoyed singing of senior scholars. B.S. concert, 22nd. Minister attended annual camp at Hall's Gap during school holidays, as camp chaplain. Three from boys' club were able to join him.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — Av. attendances Aug. were: a.m. 133; p.m. 130; communicants 121. **Operation Good News** mission held during August has been blessing to church. 5 confessions of faith and 5 reconsecrations resulted. B.S. and I.C.E. tea held 19th. World C.E. Convention report presented at Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, Sept. 4, by delegates. Social afternoon held at home of Mrs. Cleland, Rosanna, by C.W.A.F. Wheel chair given by Y.P.S.C.E. to needy war veteran patient at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. Training classes in club leadership held during Sept. under supervision of A. Bush and T. T. Robinson. Australian Nurses' Christian Movement choir sang at gospel service, 9th.

Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry). — On Aug. 26, G.P.'s held basket tea, then assisted in gospel service. Baptismal service held Sept. 2. C.M.S. took elderly and shut-in folk for outing to Silvan Dam, 8th. Combined meeting arranged by Ministers' Fraternal held on 9th, in Town Hall; speaker, Alec Fraser, Chaplain of Scotch College; items by Choral Society. Av. attendance Aug.: a.m., 206; p.m., 84; communicants, 158.

Bayswater (H. S. Prime). — J.C.E. commenced with Kath. Fankhauser as leader. C.Y.F. and friends enjoyed fellowship with Mitcham at youth tea and evening service, Aug. 12. C.M.S. sponsored film night 13th, when Jeff Smith showed slides of 1961-62 Mawson Expedition to Antarctic — offering taken for Church Furnishing Fund. Good Companions attended worship service at Box Hill, 17th. C.W.F. enjoyed visit of Miss Loris Anderson, who showed slides and spoke of her work in Lebanon; ladies have provided clothing for Aboriginal boy at

Norseman, and carton of gifts for Island Missions. At annual business meeting, 21st, officers elected: M. Mears (sec.), A. Handasyde, E. Charles, R. Peck, R. Davis, B. Adkins, K. Clinton, T. Bryant; F. Handasyde (B.S. supt.).

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — Av. Aug. attendances: a.m. 79; p.m. 60; B.S., 126. Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Manning addressed ladies on **Woman to Woman** evangelism, 18th. On 26th, p.m., combined service at Congregational with C. Thomas, speaker. C.Y.F. attended after-church fellowship at Dr. King's. Monthly Y.P. service and church parade, a.m. Sept. 2; p.m. Bible Sunday film service, **Does Christ Live in Your Home?**; teenage girl made her decision. J.C.E. attended annual demonstration at Ormond Midget Junior Good Companions starting alternate Saturdays under Miss J. Pascoe. G. Goudie appointed asst. sec. of church. Church choir to be formed; conductor, B. Fielder.

East Malvern (P. Andrews). — Young lady and man baptised. 45 women attended C.W.F. birthday, when W. R. Hibburt spoke on **The Teenager in the Home**. Girls' basketball team won competition, completing season undefeated. Tennis team reached final. Miss Bonnie Bates (D.C.E.) led midweek prayer fellowship on theme, **Can Children Worship?**

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Y.P. visited Christian Guest Home, in company with Y.P. from other churches. Mr. Richards has shown his slides of Around Aust. to C.M.S. on two occasions. Mr. and Mrs. Roper (St. Yarra) explained ringing of St. Paul's bells to Y.P. Tennis team defeated in grand final. Illness affecting attendances. Brian Smith had "hole in heart" operation; prayers have been answered and he is on road to recovery. Men's basketball team reached grand final. Mr. Rowan home from hospital; Mesd. Rogers Scott and Child back at services.

St. Kilda (I. Richer). — Church aim has now reached £150. Girls' basketball team formed. Boys' basketball teams have completed one season. Church pleased to have fellowship of minister's fiancée, Miss O. I. Steele, for school holidays. Monthly after-church fellowship started; first held at home of minister. New church heaters much appreciated.

Doncaster (C. G. Taylor, B.A. - B. J. Ricketts). — B. & F. B. S. offering received Sept. 2. Ladies' monthly sewing nights popular. Morning coffee session at home of Mrs. R. Wake raised £15. Discipleship classes concluded 16th. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Tully at church again on 9th, following protracted ill health.

A Notable "Closing Hymn"

(A Hymn for Sept. - No. 320, Sept. 30)

John Ellerton is probably the only hymnwriter of whom it could be said that "his hand may be traced and his voice heard in every hymnbook of importance during the thirty years before his death." Such was his desire to allow his hymns to serve widely that he took no copyright in them — if they were worthy to contribute to the praise of Christ, he was thankful and humble.

As a further token of his outstanding place, it would be unlikely that many could be fitted by the titles hymnologist, editor, hymnwriter and translator. All were in order, however, for him — Ellerton, the hymnologist, wrote at least one volume of notes and illustrations on a hymnal of the day; Editor Ellerton shared responsibility for at least two compilations; he wrote about sixty original hymns and produced, mainly from the Latin, a dozen or more translations.

We have been able to check to some extent on about thirty of the hymns and readily see why they are so acceptable — they show superior quality throughout. One of Ellerton's standards was to have nothing in his lines which worshippers would be unable to accept; moreover, he wrote with dignity and consistent poetic skill, many of his hymns also showing notable continuity or progression in thought. His hymns are as widely accepted in other communions as in his own Anglican Church, and as freely used on the western as on the British side of the Atlantic.

As might be expected, today's hymn, "Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise" is, with its counterpart, "The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended," one of his two hymns surviving in every one of eight hymnals checked. It is frequently used as an evening hymn, though it need not be reserved as such, some hymnals quite reasonably placing it in a "Close of Worship" section. It has about it a tenderness and a relevance, and its thrice-used introduction "Grant us thy peace" ("Through the coming night," "Upon our homeward way" and "Throughout our earthly life") adds to the inclusiveness of its message.—F.J.F.

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DEATH

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IN MEMORIAM

HALLIDAY—Margaret Jane, called Home Sept. 24, 1952.

—Lovingly remembered by son Fred, sisters Sade, Nance and Ciss, and grand-daughter Rose.

WOODBIDGE.—Treasured memories of George, passed away Sept. 19, 1953, beloved son of George (dec.) and Ann (dec.), loved brother of Lucy, Esther and Alice (dec.).

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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Coming Events

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OAKLEIGH CHURCH (Vic.). Past members and friends are invited to share in the 46th Church Anniversary Services, Sunday, Sept. 23, 1962. 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A. (Conf. Pres.); 3 p.m., P.S.A.; 4.45 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., E. J. Miles. For hospitality contact church sec., A. A. Brown, 35 Andrew-st., Oakleigh. Phone 57-3215.

FULLARTON CHURCH, South Aust. All past and present members are invited to attend a Dedication Service of New Pews and Electronic Organ, Sunday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m.

HARCOURT CHURCH (Vic.), **OPENING OF NEW HALL**, Sept. 30, 3 and 7 p.m. Speaker: K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.E. All former members and friends invited to attend. Further information, contact H. N. Rice, sec., Harcourt, Vic., or A. B. Titter, 25 Doveton-st., Castlemaine, Vic. Phone 194.

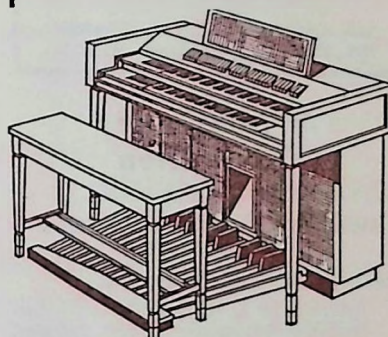
BALWYN (Vic.) **BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Sept. 23, 30. 23rd: 3 p.m., F. H. Manning; 7 p.m., J. A. Manallack. 30th: 3 p.m., Cyril Minns; 7 p.m., L. F. Barker. Bright singing. All welcome.

HARTWELL CHURCH (Vic.), Saturday, Sept. 29th, 8 p.m., Public Welcome to Minister, G. Whiting. (Items by C.E. Quartet). Sunday, 30th, 11 a.m., Induction Service; 7 p.m., Gospel Service, preacher, G. Whiting. Soloist, Miss J. Milne.

MONTROSE CHURCH (Vic.) 55th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, Sunday, Oct. 7. Speakers: 11 a.m., E. L. Williams, M.A.; 7 p.m., E. J. Miles. Past members particularly welcome. For hospitality please contact the secretary, J. M. Reidy, 50 Hewish-rd., Croydon. Phone 72-31719.

EAST KEW (Vic.) **BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**, Sept. 23 and 30. Sunday, 23rd: 11 a.m., A. W. C. Candy; 2.30 p.m., R. Brooker; 7 p.m., L. S. Dewberry. Sunday, 30th: 11 a.m., R. McKenzie; 2.30 p.m., Miss P. Davis; 7 p.m., A. Waters. Special Singing by Children's Choir. Don't miss these great meetings. Come and bring your friends. You will be very welcome.

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After many years of Christian service, Mrs. Emily May Payne was called to her rest on July 27, 1962, at the age of 67. Her association with our churches goes back to 1909, when she was baptised at Stawell, Vic., and ever since she has been active in the work and worship of the church. The Payne family arrived in Echuca in 1925, and immediately became active in the work. She was a deaconess, church organist, and in the B.S. work. Mrs. Payne's love and affection went out to all people who came into her sphere of influence — especially to the Aboriginal population, as she, with her husband, sought to show them a better way of life. In her home many people have been enriched, and no matter who came to the door it was always open, and she was ready to give counsel when it was needed. Whenever she was able she visited the Echuca Hospital and many will miss her bright cheery face. The quality of love that she radiated will live on in the minds of those she loved. A service which was held at the Echuca (Vic.) chapel on Mon., July 30, was conducted by the writer. The church extends its deepest sympathy to all her family and friends. —Barry L. Pryor.

Alice Louisa Riches.

Mrs. Riches passed away on Aug. 21, at the age of 91. As Mrs. Turner, she came into the fellowship of the Mile End church, S.A., in 1910, being baptised by the late D. A. Ewers. She soon became known for her hospitality and leadership in women's work. In 1930 she married E. Riches, a widower, and she and her husband served the church and brotherhood faithfully, in membership in the churches at Mile End, Dulwich and Maylands. They were well known figures in the State Conferences, our late sister being President of S.A. Women's Conference in 1938. In recent years she had suffered much ill-health, particularly since her husband was called Home in 1959, and, although moving to Brighton Gardens, was not able to attend the services of the church. To the four daughters and their families we express our Christian sympathy, remembering with joy such stalwarts of our work in earlier years, who have "gone before." —D. Hammer.

Mrs. Gertrude Budgen.

Mrs. Gertrude Budgen, well known for her work among our churches in N.S.W., passed quietly to her great reward in the early hours of Aug. 27. Mrs. Budgen was born in Adelaide, and in her early years committed her life to Christ. With her

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