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New Chapel at Surrey Hills, Vic.

Saturday, Sept. 15 was the date of the dedication of the new chapel at Surrey Hills, Vic. 280 people were assembled on the site at 2.30 p.m., when the chairman of the Official Board (W. F. Newham) led the singing of the doxology. Dr. G. H. Oldfield, former missionary and a local elder, offered a very fitting prayer. Mr. Newham then welcomed the assembly, making reference to the fulfilment of the vision of many years ago, and also to the presence in the gathering of many descendants of pioneer members of the congregation.

L. J. Dickson, who had served at Surrey Hills both as secretary and treasurer for many years, received the key from the builder (Reg. Brown) and turned it to admit people for the opening service. The key was inscribed for Mr. Dickson as a memento of the occasion.

R. A. Ryall (local minister) was the chairman for the dedication service held in the chapel. Greetings were brought by I. Smith, architect (member of the Ringwood church); Cr. Wallace Fordham (representing the Mayor of Camberwell); H. A. G. Clark and C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.). Mrs. Taylor unfortunately was indisposed, and Miss Jean Milne at short notice graciously sang a moving rendition of "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings." It was pleasing to welcome representatives also of sister churches in Surrey Hills, of neighboring Churches of Christ, and of Conference Departments. Former ministers W. F. Nankivell, H. A. G. Clark and R. V. Longthorp were present, and apologies were received (among others) from B. J. Combridge, G. J. Andrews and G. H. Earle.

C. G. Taylor, in his address, traced how the glory of God was revealed in visible ways to the people of Israel in O.T. days, and was supremely disclosed in the person of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Today, the glory of God is seen in the Church, as the members are indwelt by Christ and share in his mission to the world.

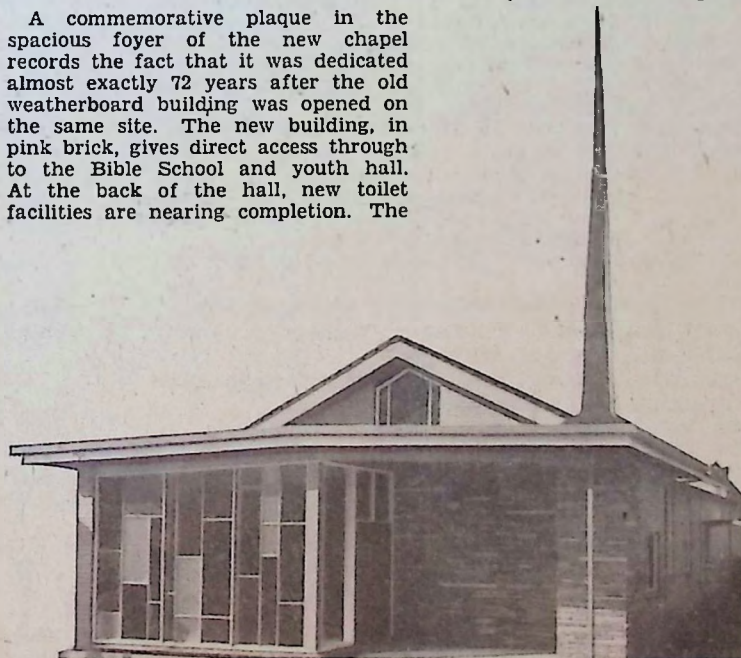
A commemorative plaque in the spacious foyer of the new chapel records the fact that it was dedicated almost exactly 72 years after the old weatherboard building was opened on the same site. The new building, in pink brick, gives direct access through to the Bible School and youth hall. At the back of the hall, new toilet facilities are nearing completion. The

chapel foyer is flanked on The Avenue side by an abstract design in colored glass, and outside there is an attractive "window-box," planted with small conifers and cacti.

Castlemaine stone has been used to excellent effect as a facing for brickwork both inside and outside. Other features of the building include a 32 ft. copper spire, and two superb stained glass windows, depicting Christ at prayer in Gethsemane (above the open baptistry) and Christ the Good Shepherd (on the back wall above the foyer). The foyer has a comfortable rubber seat built in around one corner; glass doors open off the foyer into the chapel itself.

The interior is finished in natural brickwork, tastefully relieved by polished timber and color treatments. The old pews have been splendidly remodelled and cylindrical heaters fitted underneath them. The communion table and president's chair have been given in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lawson by their family, and the modern plant bowl in the foyer is a personal tribute from the ladies to past women members. Matching microphones have been built in beside the reading desk and pulpit; the latter is draped with a scarlet corded silk antependium, embroidered with a gold Latin cross.

The cry-room has a large window, permitting a clear view at the right hand side of the rear of the chapel; the minister will use this room frequently. (concluded col. 3, p. 594)





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quently as a study during the week, and provision has been made for an extension 'phone from the manse.

The dedication service was relayed out to the overflow meeting in the Bible School hall, where all gathered afterwards for a delightful afternoon tea provided by the Surrey Hills ladies. The hard work and counsel of R. Minahan (member of the Official Board) in many building matters has been invaluable.

The services of the church's 72nd anniversary were well attended on Sunday, 16th. Guest speaker at the morning service was Principal E. L. Williams, of the Federal College of the Bible.

At a P.S.A. in the chapel at 2.45 p.m., Doug. Warmbrunn gave a recital on the church's new Hammond electronic organ, purchased by the Youth Council. The madrigal group from Canterbury Girls' High School, Miss Jean Milne and Mrs. W. Kretzschmar, also provided musical and elocutionary items, which were greatly appreciated by a capacity congregation.

The writer was the speaker in the evening, and early in the service two young people obeyed their Lord in baptism. A choir, conducted by G. Wilson, assisted at both services on Sunday, with Mrs. P. Wing Tang as organist. In response to the invitation, a young woman made the good confession.

With all the enlarged opportunities which come in the use of a lovely sanctuary for worship, the Surrey Hills church thanks God for his rich blessing, and enters into a new phase of Christian service with expectant faith.—R. A. Ryall.

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There has been an extraordinary growth of influence in the Evangelical Church in East Germany since the erection of the Berlin wall last year, according to the President of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (E.K.D.), Dr. Kurt Scharf. Speaking before the Political Club of the Evangelical Academy at Tutzing, President Scharf said the Church's message was now carrying increased conviction right up to the frontiers of the Soviet Union. He refuted the widespread idea that Christian confirmation had been completely superseded by the Communist "Youth Dedication." After the Youth Dedication, he said, many young people registered for confirmation. He asserted that the Church is "the only social and economic body which is still autonomous," and that since the closing of the Berlin frontier, the spiritual life of the Church has been more active and its thought more independent. Christian student groups with 400 members are not uncommon—E.P.S., Geneva.

LAST CALL FOR CONFERENCE

The last call is going out for the 29th Federal Conference of Australian Churches of Christ. As we write, news comes that the first delegates have left home, en route to Hobart for the Conference. Some are even now, at this late stage, sending off their registrations, with last-minute changes of plans making it possible for them to come. Some, on the other hand, have had to cancel, and illness and death have taken their toll, reducing the total registrations from 833 to 810, with a number of those non-attending. Tasmania, as host State, heads the list, with 207; of the others, South Australia is way out in front, with a total of 197. Other State totals are: Vic. (164), W.A. (115), N.S.W. (74), Qld. (44). Six are registered from A.C.T., two from U.S.A., and one from New Zealand, so this should prove a widely representative gathering.

Some months ago we wrote of the wonderful work being done by the Tasmanian Federal Conference Committee; what we have heard and seen since only intensifies our pride in these hard-working, dedicated men and women. They have now sent out handbooks, badges and advices re accommodation to all registered delegates, and are anxious that any such who have not yet received them should write immediately to the Associate Secretary, R. J. Boxhall, 3 Whelan-cresc., West Hobart, Tas. Meanwhile, the Arrangements Committee plans to meet delegates as they arrive; all plane passengers are asked to take the normal Airway bus from Hobart Airport into the City Terminal, where they will be welcomed; those travelling on the *Princess of Tasmania*, and then by bus or train from Devonport, will be met at the Hobart terminals on Sat., Oct. 6 and Tues., Oct. 9. Visitors arriving on other days will also be met if they send prior advice re arrival time.

All this is but a sample of the intense preparation now being finalised. You can sense the atmosphere as soon as you enter Collins-st., Hobart, for church these days; the congregation there is looking forward to great days, and not least on the Sunday just before Conference (Oct. 7) and later Sundays, when the members expect to have fellowship with those spending a little longer time on the Apple Isle.

Reuben Boxhall (Assoc. Sec.) writes: "Our Committee expresses thanks to all Committees and persons who have assisted in any way to make our task easier, and seeks your prayers that our Father will richly bless the plans made, to the end that the 1962 Federal Conference may be a wonderfully enriching time of good fellowship and forward decisions. We pray for all travellers that they may have safe travel to and from Conference, and that each may receive God's richest blessings."

If all delegates go to Conference in that spirit, something vital is bound to be achieved. However enriching the fellowship, that alone would be a poor return for the years of planning, hard work and earnest praying that have preceded this Conference. The theme for the Hobart gatherings — *The Church For Our Time* — is an urgent reminder that if our own affairs dominate our thinking and talking there, this Conference will be a failure, however large the meetings or delightful the fellowship. To be sure, we need the fellowship; in such an atmosphere tensions can be eased and misunderstandings cleared away. We need a stronger internal unity, a clearer appraisal of the things that make us a people, a deeper consecration, a more resolute seeking of the Master's will — and the doing of it. But we dare not be deaf to the demands of the world around us, nor be content to fob them off with the passing of routine resolutions. This is no time for the cushioning of our own souls; we need to be riotously disturbed about the full measure of our obligations as Christian citizens in a rapidly changing world — to face honestly the failures as well as the achievements of our witness.

We have no doubt that the chosen speakers will worthily play their part in helping us to do that, but we are anxious to see that spirit reflected in the business discussions as well. We must lift the standard of debate on the floor of Conference. In too many such gatherings among us the President has been the prisoner of his programme, and consequently is tempted to stifle rather than to stimulate discussion. It is interesting to find in the *Christian Advocate* (our British churches' weekly) the comment that, "both in the annual gathering of our churches and in local conferences, there has been a decline in the eagerness of the brethren to discuss." The writer goes on to refer to a *British Weekly* report on the Methodist Conference which revealed that "Methodism, like ourselves, had a past when 'the giants debated and not merely listened to prepared dissertations.' Lamenting the loss of this past, the B.W. reporter commented, 'This is the real decline of Conference. The tyranny of the timetable may be responsible. The fact remains that debate is rare, and without debate there can be no real deliberation.'"

But wise debate and inspired planning can only come from minds that are both informed and dedicated. How many have already read their handbooks and thought about the notices of motion? How many are praying now for God's guidance in the important issues that must be discussed and decided? This is the last call for Conference. Are we ready for it?

— Eighty-Eighth S.A. Conference —

E. P. C. Hollard.

Under the Presidential theme of **Seeking Truth Together**, the 88th Annual Conference of the churches passed into the record with much blessing, considerable to provoke thought, and the evidence that moves are afoot to push ahead with the Kingdom of God.

Our President was **Colin E. Curtis**, minister at Glenelg (which church showed the greatest gains for the year, as the absentee minister organised his people into working and witnessing!). He had gone about the business of the Presidency with quiet efficiency, and when we sat down to business we felt the same steady influence.

Conference always has so much to demand attention in a report. It will be best to spotlight the feast of good things.

STATISTICALLY

it was a good Conference, for the record showed that the churches had added 841 (432 by baptism) and erased 708 (322 by revision of roll). Gains were thus 133, bringing our membership to 10,099, which includes inactive. The Government credits us with over 23,500, so if we add our school and youth figures of over 9,800 we have some nominals in the State!

The giving reached new heights, for during the year, with 7 churches not reporting, £163,125 was given for all purposes, an increase of over £5,000.

PREACHING.

Again we heard the evidence that we still produce good preachers in our brotherhood. **Principal E. L. Williams** was guest preacher, and maintained his usual high standard, except at the Conference Sermon before 1,700 people, when he surpassed himself! This was **E. L. Williams** at his greatest, and thrilled his audience.

A symposium on **Under the Searchlight**, in which our position was examined, was a banquet of good things. **C. H. J. Wright**, **S. Neighbour** and **L. E. Jones** served 3 courses of mental and spiritual vitamins.

H. E. Gross, the new man in the Federal Board of Christian Education, was welcomed and spoke several times. It was good to meet him.

Allan Cant led the devotionals in fine style, setting a tone for business sessions.

VISITORS.

Chief among our many visitors were our two fine Indian brethren, **S. P.**

Hiwale and **B. Bhonsle**, who made a real contribution. Add to them **Misses Jean Delaney** and **Inez Groves**, who will be off to the Mission fields.

Inter-Church connections were seen in the visit of a number of the Baptist brethren, the President of the Methodist Conference, and **Allan Gray**, of the World Council. It is a good thing when Christians can share their fellowship, even though they may differ at other points.



C. E. Curtis,
retiring S.A. President.

RALLIES AND MEETINGS.

The President's Reception and Address is now an occasion, and always sees a large crowd attending. This year was no different. The Curtis family had simply made it that way.

Social Service Dept. also had a bigger meeting than usual.

Our Pioneers were honored again, as those in membership for over 45 years got together. This is a S.A. custom which brings a touch of richness to the Conference.

The ministers had a session with **Mr. Williams**, in which he stressed **The Relevance of the Restoration Movement**. Some quite avid discussion took place.

The **Missionary Rallies**, Overseas and Aborigine, enjoyed their usual fine attendances and high standard of programme. **A. J. Griffiths** (Prospect) gave an informative address on our work in W.A. Mission stations.

The **Dept. of Religious Education** used the Town Hall again for its bright programme. Our Youth Choir is one of our delights, and on this occasion they were at their best. **Keith Horne** introduced an audiovisual on the work of the Dept., and it is a good venture.

Home Mission Rally was preceded by the annual tea in the Town Hall, when two sittings catered for a great crowd. Over 1,000 people saw the

spotlight on Home Missions, as with color slide and story, the H.M. team brought the Conference up to date.

The inspirational note is always sought in our meetings, and the continued support of large crowds is satisfying.

THE PRESIDENT.

It is a pleasure to introduce to the Australian brotherhood our new President, **Sydney R. Beck**. One of our younger men, he is old in service and completely committed to Christ. He is an elder of the Hawthorn church, and has served as secretary and treasurer of that church. For 10 years he has been Treasurer of the Home Mission Department, has served on the Youth Dept., and as an auditor and financial adviser for the General Executive.

In business life he is Secretary of the Master Butchers' Association and subsidiary companies, is a qualified accountant and Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. Beck was an Aird, and between them these two have relations in 23 of our S.A. churches! A formidable pair, indeed!

If the Presidency is honored by the man, then 'tis so in **Syd. Beck**.

DECISIONS, etc.

In moving the social resolutions of the Conference we sought the agreement of the Baptists, who are now in session. We believe that two churches speaking as one give weight to the pronouncements.

The **Social Service Dept.** made two major moves. One was the setting aside of **John Baker** as full-time chaplain to the Hospitals, with special reference to the Adelaide Hospital. The other was the new **Rest Home at Glandore**, which will involve about £150,000 (costing the brotherhood little more than £10,000), and will finally house over 90 guests. The inclusion of an infirmary will make this one of the best in the country. Already a number are waiting the first cottages now in process of erection. The builder will be **Jim Bartlett & Co.**, of our Croydon church (son of the minister there, **W. N. Bartlett**).

The **Dept. of Religious Education** has already completed changes at **Longwood** to make it a brotherhood picnic centre, and plans are ahead for a camp at **Point Sturt** and development at **Balaklava** camp. Diploma courses are to be supplied for youth leaders and teachers. **Peter Johnson** will head up a committee to

assist C.Y.F. groups, and similar attention will be given to C.E. societies. Keith Horne will meet every church Board on the theme of the Family Church.

Home Missions announced the commencement of a new church at Christies Beach on Conference Sunday. The Round-the-Year Evangelism Programme of the Home Mission Secretaries' Conference will be implemented through the year.

In recent years the Christian Unity Committee has taken on a new lease of life, and not only was responsible for a full evening's programme at Conference, but continued to make plans for mutual understanding of other groups, and also continued contact with them.

One of the churches had brought forward a notice of motion asking that Conference give approval to dancing being held on church properties. Discussion was active until a gag was applied, which cut off the discussion and forced a decision. However, the church delegates left no illusions as to their attitude, for disapproval was almost completely unanimous.

At Conference these days we present our next year's programme from all Departments, and their budgets, and these are submitted for questioning. This year no one seemed to question anything, so all was adopted, and now Departments and Committees may go ahead and work.

GENERAL.

The incoming President is H. G. Norris, of Koongarra Park church. He has served his entire ministry in S.A., with the exception of war service as Chaplain in New Guinea. This is a fine choice, as Harold Norris has the esteem and respect of all of his brethren.

President of the Women's Conference is Mrs. A. Fax, of Albert Park. She succeeds Mrs. A. R. Jones, who set a high standard of efficiency and graciousness through her term. Mrs. Fax is well proven and worthy.

Our choristers are favorites in Adelaide. Will Watson and his Choral Association and John Hall with his Youth Choir give tone to any meeting. This year Trevor Meade and the Edwardstown church appeared for the first time, and a great "first" it was. Soloists, pianists and organists, ushers and behind-the-scenes people all make Conference an oasis in the year of planning, working and extra doing.

Altogether 145 people serve on brotherhood Departments, and as most of them are involved at local levels, one can see that being a brotherhood is more than an easy-going association, dependent upon fellowship only.

The Mutual Fund is making a "push" among the churches, in the appointment of Peter McDonald (Brighton Gardens) as Organiser. He will establish officers in each church. Since its inception a few years ago the Fund has passed about £112,000 through its books, and aided churches in erecting buildings, preachers in purchasing cars. If all of our earning members shared in it, almost every existing first mortgage could be taken over by the brotherhood!



S. R. Beck,
S.A. President, 1962-63.

One new church, Windsor Gardens, was received into the Conference. Still meeting in a home, they expect to commence building operations in the very near future.

Our minister ranks will be depleted at the end of the year by the going of several men interstate, but we are hoping that replacements will bring us to the full complement of 59 men in full-time service.

With the adoption of many plans there is little time to say other than, "It was a good Conference . . . let us push on to the next."



In a recent speech in Minneapolis, U.S.A., Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary, World Council of Churches, warned that "naive people" are drawing the wrong conclusions from the friendly contact now taking place between the Roman Catholic Church and the other Christian bodies. "They think the Roman Catholic Church and all other Churches are ready to embrace each other, and to arrive at unity," he said. "I do not know of one single Church in the World Council of Churches which is ready to enter into union with the Roman Catholic Church on the kind of terms involved in Roman Catholic ecclesiology . . . Nor is it discussable that the Roman Catholic Church would join the World Council of Churches."

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of Sept. 26, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Men's Christmas Camp. — One of the greatest men's meetings ever held in connection with our churches will be held at Cheltenham, Vic., and will last 14 days, dating from Dec. 21. It is expected that over 200 men will go into camp on this date. Fourteen churches have already combined in this monster Christmas camp.

Scoville's Souvenirs. — One of the memorable events for Bro. Scoville was the kangaroo hunt he enjoyed while in W.A. He persisted until he bagged a nice one. A brother said, "Scoville would have been hunting yet if he had not succeeded in getting a kangaroo." The kangaroo was stuffed by the taxidermist of the W.A. Museum, and joined Bro. Scoville and his two cockatoos at Fremantle. I suppose he will take on an elephant and a monkey at Colombo, and likely a camel at Port Said; so by the time he reaches New York, Uncle Sam will think that he is a new edition of Barnum's circus arriving. — W. B. Blakemore.

Items of Interest. — The opening services of the church at Murray Bridge, S.A., were held on Sept. 15. H. J. Horsell, of Croydon, was present; he gave the right hand of fellowship to twelve members . . . The church at Launceston, Tas., is aiming at a tent mission, the first it has held in that city. A Bible Class has been started with about 15 members. The church has decided to adopt the envelope system of finance for 12 months at least, and is still doing what it can in the way of a building . . . At Boonah, Qld., the Dorcas Class has been of great help to the church. Already a new cloth and communion plates, a screen for the baptistery, foot scrapers, and a sum of money towards general church expenses, have been provided by the women workers . . . The church at Kadina, S.A., had a farewell social on Sept. 19. Bro. Roy Raymond received two nice presents. He is helping Bro. Harkness on the West Coast. The church believes the Lord will bless our brother and use him for his glory. He has been a great help to the church, the Endeavor Society and the Thursday night meeting.

Comments on Hagger-Clay Mission, Colac, Vic. — Bro. Hagger's preaching is of the right kind. He doesn't believe in hustling men into the kingdom just to swell the number. His converts are well taught and will stick. Bro. Clay is a fine song-leader, and as a personal worker, both in and out of the service, he is hard to beat. — Gilbert Chandler.

A TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

By the end of this year, the Bible College at Woolwich will have completed its twenty-first year of operation. Opened officially on March 7, 1942, the twenty-first birthday of the College will be celebrated at the time of the re-opening of the academic year, early in 1963.

Plans for the celebration of this special event include a meeting to honor benefactors and friends of the College, as well as the usual College Commencement Day. The College Board hopes to send a special invitation to be present on this occasion to all those connected with the College over the years of its history. The brotherhood in New South Wales, and all friends of the College, are being invited to mark this twenty-first year of its operation by a thanksgiving offering, which will make it possible for the Board to proceed with the two projects most urgently needed for the development of the College.

The first of these is the erection of a Library Building, estimated to cost something over £6,000. The second is the appointment of another lecturer to serve full-time at the College and assist the Principal.

No educational institution can work really effectively unless it possesses a well-equipped library, housing an adequate range of easily accessible books and other study material. A library should be a place to which students are attracted because of its convenience, its resources, and its atmosphere conducive to study. Woolwich College has been severely handicapped over the past twenty-one years by having to house its book collection in inadequate shelves along

"COMING OF AGE" OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE IN N.S.W.

D. J. A. Verco, M.A., Dip.Ed., F.A.C.E.,
Chairman, Board of Management.

the side wall of an overcrowded lecture room. For some years the Board has been considering plans to overcome this situation, and has finally determined that the best solution will be the erection of a separate Library Building.

The need for a full-time lecturer to assist the Principal has been evident for some time, but has become a matter of some urgency because of the Board's decision to institute a full four-year Bible Course. The brotherhood has been greatly indebted to those brethren, and their churches, who have freely given part-time teaching service at the College. Their help will still be needed. No college the size of Woolwich has been maintained at such low cost, largely because of the sacrificial service of these folk. The time has come when the appointment of a full-time lecturer must be made to meet the needs of the College programme.

From the handful of students in 1942 the College has grown to cater for over forty students. The original fine building has been supplemented by the acquisition of adjacent properties at numbers 51 and 53, and eventually in 1959 of the property at number 41, known as Corlett Hall, in honor of the late B. G. Corlett, who was a moving spirit in the foundation of the College, and for many years the Secretary of the Board.

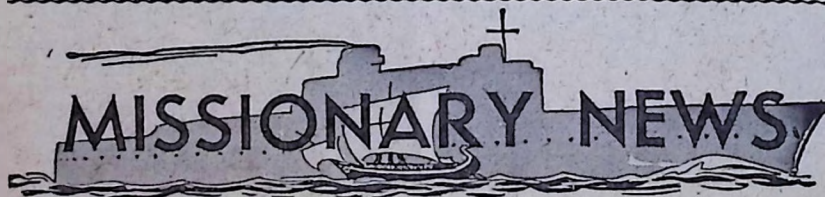
The work of the late E. C. Hinrichsen is also commemorated by the fine College Chapel, erected in 1958 as a result of the many splendid gifts made to the Hinrichsen Memorial Committee.

Former students of Woolwich College are now serving in the United States of America, in New Zealand, in all the States of this Commonwealth, in New Guinea and in the New Hebrides. Some are working in brotherhood offices, in the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Sydney Rescue Society and in Aboriginal Missions. Those at present studying in the College are also giving regular weekend service to churches in New South Wales.

Thus, the Woolwich College makes its contribution to the work of Churches of Christ. Throughout its twenty-one years it has been singularly fortunate in its leadership. Begun under the wise guidance of the late A. R. Main, M.A., the College grew under the scholarly leadership of H. J. Patterson, M.A. We are now blessed in having at its head A. W. Stephenson, M.A. (former Editor of *The Australian Christian*), and as vice-Principal, A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

Discussions from time to time with those in charge of the College at Glen Iris have enabled the two Colleges to move in step with each other on such questions as admission standards, and the general scope and standard of the courses offered.

We invite all to join us in thanks to God for the blessings of the past twenty-one years and in prayers for the future work of this College.



Notes supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

The educational work at Ranwadi in the New Hebrides is making steady progress. There are over 90 children enrolled. Many are boarders at the school. The New Hebrides Field Council has requested that a single lady teacher be sent to assist in this work, and the Overseas Board has agreed to send the additional worker when a suitable person is available.

This week we feature latest reports from the New Hebrides concerning aspects of both teaching and medical work among the people.

Ranwadi News J. Edwards.

Our second child, John Harold Edwards, was born at 5 a.m., Mon., July 30. Barbara stayed at the hospital for 2 weeks and came home on Sun., Aug. 12. Both Barbara and John are very well, and we are very proud parents. Barbara went to Ranmawat 3 weeks before the baby was born, and Jack and Dorothy Smith gave her hospitality both during that time and after the babe's arrival. We have appreciated their kindness. We are grateful to God that Dr. Coulter, his wife and daughter, were on Pen-

tecot three weeks before John was born. Dr. Coulter delivered the baby, and Dorothy Smith assisted.

God has been good to us in that, when Barbara could no longer teach in the school, we were able to get Barnabas, an Aoban teacher from one of our village schools on Pentecost, to take over Barbara's class. His wife has only recently had their second son at Ranmawat, and unfortunately their first little boy is very sick and is likely to stay at hospital for several months yet. While he is at hospital he will continue to assist at Ranwadi. Zacchaeus, the teacher we had at the beginning of the year, had to finish at the end of March, as both he and his wife had to be treated for T.B. at our hospital. Since Dr. Coulter arrived, another one of our school boys whom we suspected to be a leper was tested and proved to have leprosy, and will now have to begin treatment at Ranmawat.

Three school boys are now being treated for leprosy. Their names are Alec, Philip and Aram. Please pray for their complete recovery. Jack Smith, with the help of the native men, has completed a 24 ft. x 16 ft. steel-framed house for our new nurse, Miss Jean Delaney, who will arrive on Santo on Sept. 29. Dr. Coulter and his wife have been living in this house during their stay on Pentecost.

There is also a building boom at Ranwadi. The 22 ft. 6 in. x 11 ft. dormitory is now completed, apart from cement sheets for the walls and a door. This week we began the erection of the frame for the 37 ft. x 16 ft. sewing room, come-all-purpose room for the girls. The cement foundations and floor have been already poured, and we expect the steamer to come today with the iron for the roof of the sewing room and cement sheets for both buildings.

We finished school on Friday, Aug. 10, for three weeks. The first week will be spent by the children who board at Ranwadi cleaning the bush for their new gardens, which they will plant in October and eat the fruit from next year. I hope to spend three weeks, assisted by some native men, erecting the sewing room. We received very good news from the Overseas Mission Board this week. We have requested that the Board send another missionary teacher for the senior classes of girls at Ranwadi. The good news is that the Board has favorably considered our request and will let us know details as soon as it can. When this teacher arrives we will have to build a house for her.

The new parts arrived for the outboard, and we are glad to report that the engine is again as good as new. It is running excellently now. The Mission launch is also going well, so we should have no transport problems now. It is almost two months since I did any village visitation, as I did not want to leave Barbara by herself before John's arrival. I don't plan to begin until school resumes again on Sept. 3, as I want to use the three weeks erecting this sewing room.

Pentecost Visit
D. Coulter.

Seven weeks ago, after a busy month at Ndui Ndui, Anne, Ruth and I set off for Pentecost in the Anglican Mission ship, Patteson. After a pleasant trip to Bwatnapne, half way down the coast of Pentecost, Jack Smith met us in his launch and took us on a further two hours to Ranmawat. The warm welcome from the Smiths and the hospital staff was followed on our first Sunday by a thrilling 2½ hour welcome service, at which representatives gathered from all parts of the Island.

We quickly settled into the new sister's house and began to see something of the medical work. One Saturday I accompanied Jack Smith to the southern villages, and saw the starting place of our Island work at Banmatmat, where the remains of the original Mission house are still quite evident. A weekend was also spent at Wijumwell, which was reached after a two-hour launch trip north and an exhausting climb. Triple vaccine was given to 27 babies born in the last 15 months, and we did what we could for the sick who were brought to us.

Our visit to Ranwadi revealed plenty of evidence of the hard work done by Jack Edwards as he rebuilds school rooms and dormitories which are falling down around him. A new boys' dormitory has been completed, and steady progress is being made on the sewing room.

At 4.45 a.m., on Aug. 20, we were awakened by a ship from Lolowai, and after some hurried packing, were rushed off to attend to the sister in charge there. The illness, however, did not turn out to be serious, and we were taken on to Ndui Ndui the next day. The emergency was quite a blessing to us actually, for the Grace is still out of action awaiting a new crankshaft from Sweden, and some patients at Ndui Ndui were needing attention.



OPEN FORUM

WOMAN TO WOMAN EVANGELISM.

I was disappointed to read in the recent Provocative Pamphlet, that the immensely exciting idea of *Woman to Woman* evangelism is to be worked out in the media of evangelistic methods which are proving themselves progressively less effective in our community. I feel the great weakness of our church life is that we are too busy in the church to be the church. Occupied with local and brotherhood activities, we have no time to be "in touch" with the women in our street, and thus are unable to take part in that less spectacular form of woman to woman evangelism which would render special campaigns unnecessary.

Instead of relying on outside women to carry the gospel into that part of the world in which God has placed us, let us train our women to understand their unique role in the day-to-day evangelistic work of the church. It is time we began to discover the potential for the Kingdom of the chat over the back fence, the weekly tennis day, the shopping centre contact and the neighborly cup of tea.—Dorothy Cant, Brighton Gardens, S.A.

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QUESTING
A. E. White.
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What constitutes "idle words"?

The question obviously refers to Matt. 12: 36, where Jesus says, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (K.J.V.). Modern translations render the phrase "careless words" or "thoughtless words."

Some have taken this passage to mean that at all times we should carefully weigh our words, for they will be recalled on the day of judgment and used as evidence against us. Most of us speak plenty of idle words in light-hearted social chatter and casual good-humored conversation. We would not like to have these words treated with the solemnity of a court enquiry, and I am sure that Jesus did not mean this.

There is enough in the sayings and deeds of Jesus to show that he had a sense of humor and that he loved to relax in the friendly, happy atmosphere of home and friends. We do wrong if we present a Christianity without laughter. A little girl on a visit to a farm was found in the stable stroking a horse's head. "Oh, you are a lovely horse," she was saying, "but I think you must be a Christian horse, you have such a long face!"

The periods when Christianity wore a hard, unsmiling face produced bitterness and bigotry, whereas most of the great preachers, missionaries, reformers, and martyrs have made the pages of church history sparkle with Christian joy while they witnessed for Christian truth.

The meaning of "idle words" must be found in the context. Jesus had been speaking of ultimate sin and ultimate condemnation. This was not a casual conversation. It was dealing with concern for life and reverence for God. In such a situation an idle word, an unguarded or heedless or thoughtless word, could very well indicate a heart without care for others and without respect for God.

Jesus had just healed a dumb man and the Pharisees ascribed this miracle of healing to demonic power. Jesus said that this kind of judgment is the result of insufficient concern and thought, and is inexcusable. Men have no right to be indifferent to the consequences of the things they say in such a serious context. They ought to have recognised goodness in action in this healing experience.

Next Week: Are Freemasons Christian?

(Send Questions to the Editor).

HERE AND THERE

After a period of five months without a full-time minister, the church at Cottesloe, W.A., was happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. G. Powell and family on Fri., Aug. 31. Local and brotherhood representatives spoke words of welcome, and a time of fellowship was shared over supper. Mrs. Powell was presented with a bouquet. The church appreciates the help of many who assisted with messages during the five months, and especially the assistance of J. Arnott in so helpfully conducting midweek Bible studies over several months.

C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.) Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, on Friday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. Devotions: Mrs. Mason. Guest speaker: Sister Janet Hunting, on furlough from New Guinea, and greetings from Indian Pastors B. Bhonsle and S. Hiwale. You are assured of a warm welcome. —E. M. Rankine, Sec.

Naenae church in New Zealand welcomed Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Savage and family from Perth, W.A., at a crowded meeting on Aug. 18. Representatives of District and Dominion Committees, local churches and community life brought greetings. The Mayor of Lower Hutt (Mr. Dowse) and the Hon. Walter Nash, M.P., Leader of the Opposition, were amongst those who spoke. An induction service was held the next day.

Growing opposition to the Christian Church in West Pakistan has been reported by the Anglican Bishop of Lahore. He said that the Church had been making steady progress during the past four years, but that opposition had been evident during the past twelve months, beginning with the census of Pakistan, which showed that the Christian community has increased more rapidly than any other community, though it is still only one per cent of the population, with a total of 750,000. There is a definite "hardening of feeling against the Christian Church," he declared.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Perkins were farewelled by Warwick (Qld.) church on completion of their happy ministry there. Mr. Perkins' new ministry is with the church at Charters Towers.

K. J. Turner, student minister at South Melbourne, Vic., will commence a full-time ministry with the church at Morawa, W.A., early in 1963.

Convention at Bendigo

The annual Half-Yearly Vic-Tas. Convention was held this year at Bendigo, on Sept. 8, with perfect weather conditions and facilities for really good fellowship.

PROGRAMME.

The Victorian-Tasmanian Conference Executive Committee, through C. G. Taylor (President) and W. W. Saunders (Secretary) planned the programme. This included stirring addresses upon the theme: **The Teaching Ministry of the Church.** F. T. Morgan's title was **The Church Must Teach**, and K. A. Macnaughtan spoke on **The Hope and Help of the Church.**

Through "a trial by jury," the C.W.F. programme was presented quite arrestingly; and by way of "audio-visuals" and a "brains trust" the various aspects of Christian education were presented. Joyous singing was led by Ron Lacy, with Miss Pam Lacy and Keith Lacy accompanying. Musical items were rendered by Miss Vercoe (Bendigo), Misses Broad (Pyramid Hill) and the Bendigo Quartet (A. Pollock, G. Doolan, W. Smith and K. Lacy).

Most of the sessions were held in the Bendigo City Hall, save that for the afternoon arrangements the Short-st. chapel was also used. After luncheon, there was a conducted tour of the city and its lovely surroundings.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

More than 300 visitors were present, representing close on sixty city, suburban and country churches, from near and far. Catering and other arrangements were very thorough, and were cared for by a committee comprising personnel from Short-st. (City), Kangaroo Flat and Spring Gully churches. Chairman, G. J. Andrews; sec., H. E. Langley; supts.: Mrs. D. Jones (Catering); Mr. and Mrs. C. Houston (Hospitality); Ron Lacy (Music and Song); R. Perl (Tour and Transport); John Langley (Hall Arrangement); J. Glenister (Badges, Tickets, etc.); A. R. Pollock (Publicity); J. K. Martin (Bookstall). Each supt. had numerous fellow-workers.

Some visitors remained in the city over the weekend, and the following

brethren preached on the Lord's Day: at Short-st., 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor; 7 p.m., W. W. Saunders. Kangaroo Flat, 10 a.m., W. W. Saunders. Spring Gully, 7 p.m., A. Haskell.

We certainly owe a great debt of gratitude to all who made faithful contribution to the high worth of this occasion; but especially do we unite in praise to God from whom all blessings flow. By coincidence, Sept. 8 is the birthday of H. E. Langley, the secretary of the Short-st. church. He, and we all, had a happy day.—G. J. Andrews.

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A Faith For These Times

This was the theme of a three weeks' preaching mission conducted by the church at Brighton Gardens, S.A. The mission was led by Allan Avery, of the Vic-Tas. Home Mission Department.

Ten committees, involving about 60 people, were organised some weeks prior to the commencing date, and with very little oversight each committee went ahead with its task. This initial phase was of great value to the church, and produced a very happy and industrious spirit.

When the days of meetings arrived the church was not disappointed with the message of the missionary, who forthrightly declared the saving power of Christ. With Mondays off, and the Fridays as Youth Nights, the meetings averaged over 120, with a total attendance of 3,000. There were 8 primary confessions (4 adults), and a number of other adults have indicated their decision to make a confession of faith shortly. One has already done so.

This report was not written immediately after the mission, so that it might be seen in clearer perspective; and the general verdict of the Board and the church is that it was a very worthwhile programme. It has stimulated many to deeper faith, and through the mission dozens have been brought closer to the Kingdom, many coming to church for the first time. —A. Cant.

C. H. J. Wright, B.A. (Unley) has accepted a call to the church at Brighton Gardens, S.A., to succeed A. F. Cant, B.Ed., who leaves for Mildura, Vic., early in 1963.

Keith Skillicorn (Australian missionary for British Churches of Christ in India) reports a furlough booking to leave Bombay for Fremantle on Nov. 24 next year, spending the next 12 months in Australia, N.Z., U.S.A., Canada, Britain and Sweden.

— OUR FAMILY PAGE —

Thanks for Listening

It was a long telephone conversation. The line carried me "across the tracks" through the color barrier, into a humble, neat but unfurnished home. The call came from an elderly lady, troubled about many things. She knew I could be of little help but just wanted to talk it over. As she hung up, she said earnestly, "Thanks for listening."

I had made no contribution, merely said "yes" and "no," but she had me feeling as though I had saved the day for her. Seldom have ten to fifteen minutes been so rewarding.

The world is full of people who have need to be listened to. International diplomacy is out of my field, yet I dare suggest that if we had more people abroad who knew the languages, literally and figuratively, and would take the time to listen, it would do wonders. Our missionaries are diligently learning this lesson, from the grass roots up to the tall timbers, and getting remarkable response.

A good listener means more than having good ears. A teenage young lady (this is a true story) was laboring to give her mother a good build-up and told her friends, "Mother may not know everything, but she listens intelligently." Intelligently here means without show of fear or alarm, wanting to cry but smiling, fixed to laugh but straightfaced, bored but saying "Go on."

"Children should be seen, not heard" is as out of date as Little Lord Fauntleroy's starched collars. They are charged with questions and problems. Stifle them and they explode. Children know when they are just being given perfunctory attention and when they are listened to.

A cartoon shows two small boys and their father nearby, absorbed in the paper. One boy says, "Nah, there's nothing wrong with dad's hearing — just his listening." Father had not learned to tune in to his sons' thinking, thus missing the joy and challenge of growing up together.

A recent newspaper column, "Today's Children," has the counterpart of this story with the headline, "The Child Who Listens is the Child Who Minds." It says in part, "Many times a child is seemingly disobedient when actually he did not hear what he was told. Real listening is hearing with one's thought. One helps a child listen by giving the same thoughtful listening to what the child

says instead of shouting 'Don't you know I'm talking?'"

Listening, they say, is an art. In this day of blaring T.V.'s, sound tracks, mob demonstrations, amplified propagandists, quiet listening may seem dull, foolish, trifling, even impossible. Yet like all arts it is vital and potent.

It is good to listen to persons, attentively, expectantly, to effervescent youth, to reminiscing oldsters, to curious strangers, to loved ones too close for formal conversation. It is good both for the listener and the spokesman.

Prayer is talking it out with God. After we have told him all our achievements of today and told him about tomorrow's needs, it is well occasionally to pause, then add, "And thanks, dear God, for listening."—
Carl R. Brown.

Echoes

How many people in the world are mere echoes — echoes of other people's voices, having no voices of their own. They have lost the power of speech; some, as Echo did, by too much talking, some by fearing to speak at all when they should have spoken. There are, of course, times when it is better to be an echo than to be merely silent; for there are times when a voice needs an echo to repeat it and prolong its message. And there are times when silence is crime and treachery. But, it is immeasurably better to be a living voice — the voice of one crying in the wilderness, in the bleak and snowy solitudes, in the desert wastes, or in the crowded cities, calling men to sobriety and repentance and proclaiming glad tidings of peace and redemption from worldly sins and woes.

Human influence, whether it be good or evil, is perpetual. "Our echoes shall roll from soul to soul, and grow forever and forever." If this be so, then how careful we should be of the kind of echoes that issue from our own souls and roll to the souls of other people. As we are, so are our echoes; they give back and proclaim our character and our message. And so, to change the echo, you must change the voice; and to change the voice, you must change the heart.—
The Call of the Heights.

If you shut your door to all errors, truth will be shut out.—Rabindranath Tagore.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., SEPT. 16. — Telephoned greetings from one of our members working in Hobart was a happy prelude to Doncaster's 99th church anniversary celebrations today. I was officially "welcomed" in my capacity as Conference President before I gave the morning message, at the end of which fifteen young people from our Discipleship Class made their decision for Christ. The anniversary tea and the evening service, helpfully addressed by L. E. Dewberry (Box Hill), concluded a promising introduction to our Centenary Year.

MON., SEPT. 17. — On a visit to Dr. Oldfield's surgery this afternoon, I thought of the tribute to this beloved pioneer missionary contained in the book which G. Curtis Jones, one of our leading American ministers, wrote after his World Convention visit here ten years ago. Near the end of a chapter devoted to "Physician in the Pulpit," he describes Dr. Oldfield as "God's man every inch of the way" — one in whose presence you felt "the strength of his great heart." The tribute is still true. Curtis Jones tells how he asked Dr. Oldfield, "What do you consider to be the greatest task of the Church today?" and received the unhesitating answer: "To move out of the circle of her usual comfort into the arena of life."

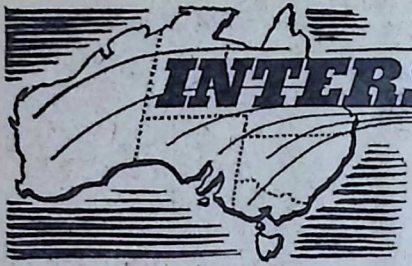
TUES., SEPT. 18. — There were some lively suggestions at tonight's Centenary planning session of our Doncaster church officers and auxiliary representatives.

WED., SEPT. 19. — At the local district Cricket Club's annual presentation night I was delighted in the fact that, not only did three of our church men (including the Club president) win trophies, but also two of them, in positions of leadership, were thanked by younger men and boys for the way they had influenced and helped them. This is part of the answer to delinquency, when Christian men with sporting "know-how" are prepared to give time and effort with younger men.

THURS., SEPT. 20. — As always, I found tonight's H.M. Dept. meeting an unrivalled "window on our work."

FRI., SEPT. 21. — In *This Is The Life*, autobiography of Australian newspaperman, Claude McKay, I was interested in his reference to his days on the Brisbane Courier, at a time when the Baptist minister's name was Whale, and the combination of that name and the practice of immersion was too much for the wits, who called his church the "Aquarium".

SAT., SEPT. 22. — A free Saturday afternoon for a change — I revelled in it!



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — C.W.F. held "old treasure" night, Aug. 30. C.M.S. at monthly tea on Sept. 2, addressed by R. A. Hickin (B. and F. B. S.) on recent visit to East Africa. Report tabled at annual business meeting disclosed church membership of 212, including 22 added by faith and baptism during year; attendance of 180, a.m., 128, p.m., 168 communing. B.S. enrolment of 270, plus 40 teachers and officers; av. attendance 227 scholars; church giving, apart from that of auxiliaries, £4,300. Women's choir, under direction of Mrs. T. Gayford, gives valued service. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fergie and family welcomed back after three years in Adelaide. Attendance on 16th: 276 a.m., 119 p.m., 183 communing. 1st Ulladulla (N.S.W.) Company, Boys' Brigade, among visitors.

QUEENSLAND

Warwick. — Ministry of Mr. and Mrs. C. Perkins has concluded. Church also farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Rossner, who have left district. Anniversary services held Aug. 26. B.S. children presented tableau, *The Voyage of Life*. J. McCormick was guest speaker for day and presented prizes to scholars. Church looking forward to M. Giezen-danner's coming from C.O.B. mid-December.

Southport (W. H. Morton). — Ladies journeyed 40 miles to conduct meeting with Annerley C.W.F. Gospel services are bright feature of work, many non-members attending. Many local and interstate visitors welcomed. Church regrets passing of Mr. McConachie, who entered hospital immediately on return from Victoria.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Inglewood (A. W. Morris). — Preparation being made for commencement of Family Church. Teacher Training Course, under leadership of Miss Merle Peacock, conducted on five Sunday afternoons. Y.P. held successful concert. Ladies enjoyed visit by Harvey sisters. Street stall and jumble sale held recently. Church appreciated services of H. Heyhoe and T. Banks during absence of minister. Two Y.P. made decision for Christ, Sept. 9.

Cottesloe (G. Powell). — Group travelled to Maylands to meet Messrs. Hiwale and Bhonsle (India). Lady baptised Sept. 16. C.W.F. entertained and led in devotions by Fremantle C.W.F. Basketball teams (girls and boys) gave night display on church courts as finale for year's activities. G. Powell spoke at youth tea. Y.P. held picture night to raise funds for water scheme at Shrigonda Girls' Home, India.

Mandurah. — Church sympathises with Mrs. S. Wooders in passing of brother. First wedding celebrated in chapel, Sept. 1. Nine members travelling to Federal Conference. C.W.F. had day's sewing for Social Service shop in Perth on 11th. Meetings well attended and many younger families are joining in services. Church welcomes assistance of Mr. Short and son who, since coming into district, have engaged in preaching and singing. Services of brethren from Perth each Sunday also appreciated. Church has purchased two blocks of land with view to building manse.

Morawa. — Conference meetings held Aug. 23 to 26. Election of officers: pres., R. Carslake; pres.-elect., K. Wornes; sec., G. D. Carslake; treas., K. Wornes; elders: J. Dayman, R. Carslake; deacons: P. Thygesen, G. Barr, K. Wornes, G. Carslake; deaconesses: Sis. C. Heier, R. Carslake; C.W.F. pres., Sis. G. Barr; pres.-elect, Sis. C. Heier; sec., Sis. R. Thygesen; treas., Sis. R. Butler. Film, *Hidden Treasures*, screened to good audience. J. Gordon and Mrs. G. Ewers were guest speakers. G. Powell and family have moved to Cottesloe. Men conducted both services Sept. 9.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — At missionary rally, B. Bhonsle and S. P. Hiwale (India) were welcomed. Programme included seminar, Asian students, Marriage Guidance Council advising, films, devotions, tea by Miss Wong. At 64th church anniversary, Conf. Pres., J. Gordon, a.m. speaker. Day of prayer for revival. Fellowship with speakers Gideon Movement; Mr. Schwanke conducted gospel service, after-church fellowship and films. Purchase of property for aged in Subiaco finalised. Successful C.W.F. concert, organised by Mrs. Black. City church met in fellowship with Mrs. Bridge as speaker. During minister's attendance at Wheatbelt Conference, speakers were Messrs. Olds and Min Phua. Sympathy extended to loved ones of late Sis. Grier. Choir rendered cantata, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, at Fremantle church.

Discipleship

Mrs. Francis, Christine Penhearow, Kilburn, S.A.
 Robert Haines, Margaret Miller, Sister Judy Monks, Surrey Hills, Vic.
 Phyllis Davies, Pat Clark, Kadina, S.A.
 Nurse S. Wong, Warragul, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. Beeson, Malvern, Vic.
 Mr. Ingle, Bev. Ingle, Wattle Park, Vic.
 Jill Smith, Mt. Evelyn, Vic.
 Margaret Scott, Pam Yelverton, Catherine DeForest, Janice Wood, Thornbury, Vic.

Membership

A. Beach, Albury, N.S.W. to Footscray, Vic.
 Messrs. Short, snr. and jr., South Perth to Mandurah, W.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wyett, Hamilton to Mt. Evelyn, Vic.

Marriage

Carole Maxwell to Trevor Walsh, Blackburn, Vic.
 Elwyn Hollard, Clovelly Park, to John Pederson, Edwardstown, S.A.
 Joyce Prior to Garry Gray, Cottesloe, W.A.
 Merveen Livingstone to Arthur Ogden, Mandurah, W.A.
 Karlene Allison, Thornbury, to Ron. Thomas, Gardiner, Vic.
 Joy Clayden to James Mounsey, Thornbury, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. F. L. Clark, Enmore, N.S.W.
 Mrs. Riches, Brighton Gardens, S.A.
 G. Mauger, Maylands, S.A.
 C. Harman, C. Rowley, Kadina, S.A.
 Miss L. Burne, Thornbury, Vic.
 Mr. McConachie, North Williamstown, Vic.
 Sis. Grier, Subiaco, W.A.
 Mrs. M. Shangie, Wattle Park, Vic.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Belmore (P. E. Thomas). — Church functioning well under interim ministry. Annual visit of C.Y.F. greatly enjoyed. Church is to build new hall and kitchen between two present buildings to accommodate overflow of scholars from kinder hall. It will also be used to take overflow from special church services which, at the present time, sorely tax accommodation in chapel. C.W.F. annual meeting, Sept. 11, addressed by Mrs. Mackenzie (Rockdale). Ladies planning for C.W.F. Convention, at which 150 to 200 are expected.

Taree (V. T. Parker). — Church launched Planned Giving Campaign, Sept. 15. Minister presided over tea held in church hall, followed by meeting in chapel under chairmanship of H. H. Cox. Messages introducing campaign given by church elders, C. A. Norling, F. V. Murray, A. W. Billingham. Covering message given by R. Elbourne (Georgetown). Soloist over weekend was Peter Ellis (Burwood). Film, *The Secret of the Gift*, appropriate for occasion. Once result of campaign is known, church will set its plans for year of advancement, which will mark establishment of work in June, 1863, and celebrations of such an occasion.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Kilburn (G. Rose). — Welcome visitors during Conference were Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Cridle and family (Mt. Gambier), Mr. and Mrs. Lord (Victor Harbour) and Mr. and Mrs. McLeod (Elizabeth). Church tendered kitchen evening to Judith Freeman on 7th. On same evening, farewell gift made to Margaret Plant, leaving for position at Lameroo, S.A. Aidrie Mann also farewelled as she goes to Victor Harbour to continue studies at Adelaide Bible Institute. Working bees held to prepare site of new tennis court. B.S. benefited much by recent Efficiency Campaign, in which it received a certificate for gaining 80 per cent. Senior basketball girls gained premiership for church teams in S.A. C.W.F. recently gave much appreciated evening to blind people at Melrose House. Much sickness. Church sec., Brian Barrett, met with an accident and is convalescing.

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — F. Bibby gave dinner to senior girls' basketball team who won premiership. Social evening followed at which trophies were presented. Church attendance campaign commenced. 110 present a.m. when five Y.P. were welcomed following their baptism into

Christ. Gospel service had increased attendance. Basketball team held parade and favorite hymns were sung under leadership of G. Woodroffe. R. Hilford (Mildura, Vic.) was visitor. D. McDonald succeeds G. Woodroffe as church treas.

Kadina (M. T. Lawrie). — Many visitors welcomed. Sickness very prevalent. C.Y.F. very active; monthly youth services successful. C.M.S. held several Sunday teas, with visiting speakers. C.M.S. and C.W.F. held two successful concerts. Church annual business meeting showed all depts. working well and in good financial positions. Church anniversary services addressed by I. J. Chivell, who also spoke at C.M.S. tea. Temple Day offering £250. One decision, Aug. 12, and three, Sept. 9.

Maylands (D. Hammer). — Sis. Jan Hunting (New Guinea) spoke to C.E. societies, then at communion service and Bible Class during afternoon. Again on Aug. 21, Miss Hunting was guest speaker at combined C.W.F. gathering. C.M.S. paid visit to Actil Cotton Mills. Sympathy extended to Mauger family at passing of Mr. Mauger. K. A. Jones (C.O.B.) conducted a morning service. Men assisted in special evening guest service. Community hymn singing has been recorded for later presentation over A.B.C. Training classes for men assisting in services commenced by C.M.S.

Prospect (A. J. Griffiths). — Successful B. S. anniversary held Aug. Innovation of a Youth Choir providing special items and singing of school choir well received. Speakers for services were G. Rose, D. Thoday, J. Halbert, A. Griffiths. Two girls made their decision for Christ, and at a recent service there was another, bringing total in recent weeks to six. Mr. Hiwale (India) spoke at evening service, Sept. 9. B.S. took opportunity of presenting cheque to him in support of an Indian orphan. G.L.B. also made a contribution. G.L.B. attended camp at Longwood and number of Y.P. spent weekend in camp at Mylor. C.W.F. annual luncheon had Miss Jeffries as speaker.

VICTORIA

Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel). — There has been one decision. Church grateful to Mr. and Mrs. D. Feary for use of Hammond organ whilst church organ being repaired. Minister returned from conducting 10 days' mission at St. Arnaud. A. Graham, T. Maxwell and R. McLeod took services in his absence. Delegation attended mission at St. Arnaud, Aug. 29. Resignation of Mrs. A. Graham, organist for many years, also that of M. Fishwick, as leader of boys' club, both

received with regret. Many improvements in B.S. Mrs. G. Graham and Mrs. Welsh added to teaching staff. A. Graham completed 25 years as B.S. supt. Mrs. Jackel returned to fellowship after illness.

Balwyn (L. Barker). — Good attendances and bright services maintained. Evening service helped by visiting soloists. Midweek meetings thriving in new series of group Bible studies. C.W.F. addressed by Dorcas supt. (Mrs. Haden). Auxiliary working hard for Manse Fund by holding special afternoons; donated new curtain drapes for three main rooms. B.S. anniversary commenced Sept. 23. House-to-house visitation created added interest. Football club held dinner and trophy night, 15th; awards given to best players.

Camberwell (K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.). — Ladies' auxiliaries very active. Jumble sale and fish luncheon efforts totalled £65. 75 present at birthday luncheon; speaker, Miss P. Davis, Sister-in-charge, Margaret Coles Hospital. Both C.W.F. groups donated £30 each to church funds. Parcel for Aboriginal child given to annual appeal. Ladies planning activities for Woman to Woman evangelism. Gym club held successful mannequin parade. C.M.S. meeting, Sept. 17, addressed by C.O.B. students. Parents visited B.S. for Education Week display.

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — Mrs. G. S. Brown soloist, Sept. 2. Members attended Half-Yearly Convention, Bendigo, 8th. C.W.A.F. had Singer demonstration on 11th, and C.M.S. visited Ballarat for rally, when G. S. Brown was speaker. C.W.E.F. held social evening at Mrs. Peard's, 12th. Proceeds toward cake stall of their fair. Young man welcomed by transfer, 16th. Miss Glenys Jones soloist p.m. C.W.E.F. attended camp at Parkdale. Many ladies attended district missionary rally at Footscray on 19th, and heard Miss Jan Hunting tell of her work in New Guinea.

York-st., Ballarat. — Sis. I. York has been appointed part-time deaconess for the church. Men continue to conduct Sunday services. Visiting speakers have been D. H. Smith, who spoke at church anniversary, Aug. 31, and R. F. Geyer. Vacation school, held under leadership of W. H. Feary during school holidays, had av. attendance of 89. D. Nicholls, M.B.E., was present at one session. Family night held, Sept. 7, when parents viewed work of school and enjoyed film, *The Family Who Changed the World*. Church supported mission at St. Arnaud, at which H. G. Feary was song leader. V. Berry conducted services at St. Arnaud, Sept. 9. Young married woman has been welcomed into fellowship fol-

lowing baptism. An after-church prayer meeting has been commenced by B.S. teachers, Sunday evenings. Annual church meeting re-elected all retiring officers. Reports disclosed steady interest in all depts.

Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Mrs. O'Malley and Mrs. Pang in hospital; Mrs. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson unwell; Mrs. Swain and Miss E. Dickens recovering. Church expresses grateful thanks to P. Retchford and B. Greenwood for their ministry during minister's absence overseas. Two men confessed their faith in Christ during this period. £1,000 missionary appeal for 1962 has now reached £1,225. Minister welcomed back to church, Sept. 16. Visitors have included Mr. Harding (Croydon, S.A.) and Irene and Phillip Wardle and Kaylene Copping (Naracoorte, S.A.).

Red Cliffs (S. K. Bannon). — First week of White and Coleman mission has been inspiring. Two confessions and one rededication to date. Building full each night, and many visitors present. Newly formed Youth Choir contributes to singing. Children's after-school meetings are packed to capacity, with up to 250 a day.

Springvale (J. G. Shaw). — Zone worship service at Oakleigh attended by 12 Good Companions and leaders. C.Y.F. Flying Squad conducted gospel service, Aug. 19. Congregation sharing in uplifting experience of placing before God in prayer our Overseas Mission workers, through placing different names and fields of service in weekly newssheet as "prayer partners." Mr. Poulton and Mrs. Baxter improving in health. Two sisters made decision, Aug. 26.

Warragul (G. A. Hearn). — 23 church members took part in combined Protestant churches' census of Warragul, Sept. 16. This well and carefully planned census was conducted by Ministers' Fraternal, in effort to reach people without church membership. Evening service, 16th, special guest service; 12 Malaysians from Melbourne present to witness baptism of Malayan student nurse from Warragul Hospital, who recently made her decision. B grade badminton team won grand final. L. Derbyshire won B grade men's singles championship. A grade failed to reach grand final. C.Y.F. held film night in hall, 15th, and on previous night joined with Salvation Army youth group on trip to paper mill at Fairfield.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — Business meeting elected: elders, J. Holloway and A. Moody; sec., M. Moody; deacons, H. Besson, J. Blucher, R. P. Clark, A. H. C. Pfeifer, O. Sutch; auditor, F. Illingworth; B.S. supt., A. H. C. Pfeifer; organists, Mrs. F.

Locke, Miss I. Morley, Mrs. J. Winter; A.C. agent, G. Pfeifer. All reports showed church actively engaged. C.W.F. held enjoyable 50th birthday party, with 85 present, including representatives of 17 churches. Concert by Mrs. Laphorne and party was acme of fine afternoon. Mrs. Pippard back in fellowship. Girl rededicated her life to Christ a.m. Sept. 9. F. Combridge spoke to C.M.S. on Social Service Dept. work. Gospel in song rendered by Mr. and Mrs. M. Woff and Jean Milne. Evening of prayer commenced on Saturday nights in preparation for mission. On 16th, a married couple, both active Christians, came forward at morning service as indication of their intention to follow their Lord in baptism. They were baptised at evening service.

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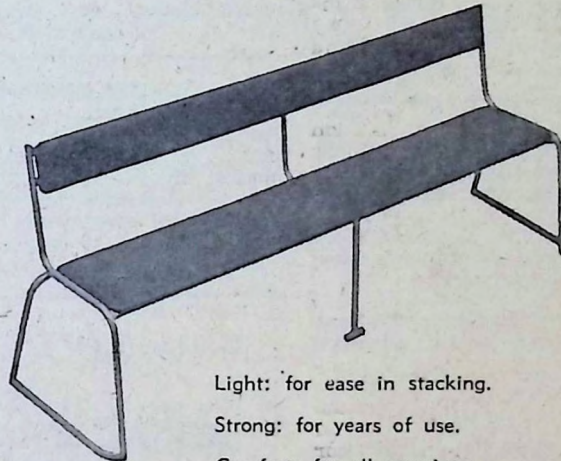
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Frances Pritchard.

Because of her deep conviction that the Lord was her Shepherd, Sister Frances Pritchard kept her faith in Christ. This faith was reflected in her whole manner of life. Baptised in Devon, England, she came from a family who knew the pioneers of our Movement. For her 21st birthday her mother wrote a poem asking the Lord to guide and guard her. This poem, referred to in the service, concluded with the line, "Keep her in the narrow way." The poem-prayer of a mother's heart was fulfilled in the life of the one who endeared herself to all privileged to know her. The Portland church, Vic., will remember her. Sympathy was extended to her husband and sons, Roley, minister at Maryborough, Vic., Neil and Gilbert, Portland, and other loved ones.—A. C. Male.

Thomas Clarence Stubbin.

The church at Boonah, Qld., lost one of its stalwarts when Clarrie Stubbin was called to be with his Lord on Sept. 8, at the age of 55 years. He was the second youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stubbin, foundation members of the Boonah church. Loving, sympathetic, gracious, and understanding, he had devoted his life to the service of Christ and his Church. He and his brother Ira conducted a prosperous business (commenced by their father), and Clarrie was loved and respected by all. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and their two daughters, Val and Mrs. F. N. Winter. He served the church well, being a deacon for

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many years, and president of the deacons' Board at his death, a position he had held for some years. He served as president of the Boonah-Silverdale Circuit on various terms, was sec. on the South Queensland Country Conference of Churches of Christ for two terms, and on occasions acted as sec., asst.-sec. and treas. of the local deacons' Board. He used his car freely in the service of the church. Early in August he suffered a coronary occlusion, and was hospitalised for four weeks. He returned home, but about a week later suffered a cerebral haemorrhage. The funeral was held at the Albion chapel, which he had attended on many occasions, and later at the Crematorium. The members of the Boonah and Silverdale churches formed a guard of honor at the chapel. To those who mourn his passing the loving sympathy of the church is extended.—F. S. Warwick, sec., Boonah-Silverdale Circuit and Boonah church.

Frances Lavinia Clark.

Mrs. Clark was born at Cargo in the district of Orange, N.S.W., seventy-six years ago. In the course of time she moved to Sydney, and was married to Thomas Clark. She made her confession of faith in Christ at the Baker-Clay tent mission at Erskineville, in 1926. She attended the Church of Christ which was in existence at St. Peters in those days. When the church there was closed, she and her family linked with Enmore Tabernacle. Mrs. Clark was a faithful member of the church, regular in her attendance and generous in her support. She had a very warm place in her heart for her family, and also for ministers of Churches of Christ. Mrs. Clark was possessed of a goodly measure of practical wisdom, and was able to give sound advice to those in trouble. The secret of her influence and of her power lay in her quiet confidence in God. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Tabernacle and at Woronora. A largely attended Memorial Service was held at the Tabernacle on July 29. We commend Thomas Clark and the members of the family to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Source of all comfort and consolation.—Arthur Baker.

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