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FEDERAL CONFERENCE Begins on High Note . . .

"His Church for Our Time"

Tasmanian churches were delighted to welcome at services on Sunday, Oct. 7, many of the early arrivals for the Twenty-Ninth Federal Conference of Australian Churches of Christ. Many were determined to make full use of the opportunity to combine Tasmania's tourist attractions with the enriching fellowship of Conference.

The majority, however, arrived by boat and air on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 8 and 9, in time for the official opening on the Tuesday night. The mass arrivals were met with warm friendship by the welcoming Tasmanians, who handled all problems with an efficiency which showed thorough preparation.

The Lord Mayor's welcome to official delegates was a happy function on the Tuesday afternoon, and the Federal President (K. G. Mundy) expressed appropriate thanks for this civic courtesy.

The Lord Mayor was, in turn, a guest at the President's Tea. Mr. Mundy briefly welcomed all present, and the official leaders of the various State groups responded — A. D. Pyne (W.A.), J. H. McCormick (Qld.), G. R. Stirling (A.C.T.), S. R. Beck (S.A.), L. E. Wylie (N.S.W.) and C. G. Taylor (Vic.).

Following this function in the Town Hall, guests went to join other delegates gathering at the City Hall for the Inaugural Rally, presided over by Mr. Mundy. Valentine Woff led a song service which set the atmosphere for a helpful meeting. Spoken greetings were given by Sir Philip Messent (World Convention), B. Bhonsle (India and New Zealand) and Walt. Lantz (U.S.A.). Written greetings came from 116th Conference of Churches

of Christ in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. K. Skillicorn (Bhandaria, India), Hariba Waghmode (Conf. Churches of Christ,

Western India), Australian Council of Churches, N.S.W. Conference and R. W. Gilmore (Townsville, Qld.).

S. H. Wilson (Fed. Sec.) gave a Focus on Federal Home Missions, Mrs. M. Davis and W. F. Monson sang a duet, and the Conference Choir (leader, N. F. Monson; organist, Miss G. Dixon) sang an anthem. S. R. Beck (S.A. Conf. Pres.) read Luke 19: 11-28.

In an eloquent message on the Conference theme, Eric T. Hart (N.S.W.) challenged all to a deeper commitment to **Be His Church For Our Time**. Mr. Hart emphasised the miracle that we still have the Church, despite the mountainous difficulties which have so frequently faced it. "There are dangers in both looking back and looking ahead — the word of the Church is now!" said Mr. Hart. "We need a new vision of the Church, with a faith in the impossible. This generation has lost something of its old faith in the Church. Others have taken over many of the time-honored functions of the Church. The scientist is building only half of the house. The Christian Church has the answer to the real problems of our time."

(More Federal Conference News Next Week).



River Derwent at "The Rocks," near New Norfolk, Tasmania.



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Fifty Years Ago

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

Qld. Preachers' Conference. — The first Preachers' Conference held in Qld. took place at Toowoomba, Sept. 23-27. Indeed, we believe it is the first of its kind ever held in the Commonwealth. The Conference originated because of the isolation of the brethren who are engaged in preaching the gospel, and their desire for closer fellowship with kindred minds and spirits. Not only were all regular preachers present, but preaching brethren from different churches were present and took part in the discussions. Nearly every church in the State was represented.—A. Hutson.

Federal Appeal. — The Acting Federal Executive is anxiously waiting for replies to the special letter sent a few weeks ago to all the churches in the Commonwealth, asking for financial assistance to enable it to carry on much needed Federal work. Some of the churches have already replied, but the majority have not even acknowledged the letter.

District Conference, Lismore, N.S.W. — An innovation in the shape of a combined Bible Schools and Foreign Mission Rally on Tues. evening, Oct. 8, preceded the all-day session of the third annual Richmond and Tweed Rivers District Conference, with E. A. Parker in the chair. S. Stevens moved that we place on record our appreciation of the services of those men who go out many miles to district churches and stations, fulfilling preaching appointments, also of E. A. Parker's free use of his pony turnout.

British Conference. — The Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland was held in Edinburgh, with eleven Australians and one N.Z. visitor among those present. Membership stands at 14,778 in 201 churches. There are, of course, in addition the churches under the control of the American Board of Missions, which total 15 churches, with 2,000 members. They hold a separate conference.—H. Grinstead.

Items of Interest. — At Doncaster, Vic., a ballot of church members has been taken on the organ question, and resulted in an overwhelming majority in favor of the organ for gospel services . . . At Prospect, S.A., it was decided to so arrange our morning service to allow of at least ten minutes being devoted to the children . . . The tent at Maryborough, Vic., is full every night for the Hagger-Clay mission. So far, 20 have confessed their faith in Jesus.

◦ GUEST EDITORIAL

ADELAIDE CALLS AUSTRALIAN YOUTH

HAROLD F. GROSS, Associate Editor, Federal Board of Christian Education.



The writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes remarks, "Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh." If he were alive today he would, no doubt, add a rider: "Of the calling of many Conferences there is no end, and much travel is likewise a weariness of the flesh."

But do not misunderstand. This is in no way intended as an attack on Conferences, Conventions, rallies, consultations or whatever we may be pleased to call them. Quite the reverse. There is no question that the opportunities we have today to meet with one another in face to face conversation and encounter is one of the most fruitful means of creating understanding and building brotherhood.

During my years in New Zealand I was privileged to represent the Department of Christian Education on the General Executive of our churches, which met three times a year in Wellington. Many of the men who sat round that table, and other leaders of our N.Z. brotherhood, were men who had travelled, thirty years earlier, to the first youth camps organised under the genius of W. R. Hibburt. Others had travelled and lived together for years as fellow students in the Bible College, organised about the same time. Out of these personal encounters, a strong brotherhood spirit had been built. Living in widely separated, scattered communities, without personal contact with each other for years on end, in many cases, they nevertheless retained a confidence in each other, born of personal experience of one another's integrity and soundness of faith. The like is equally true in Australia.

This, at least in part, is the justification for calling together the first National Christian Youth Convention organised for the young people of our Australian churches. It will be held in Adelaide, January 8-15, 1963, and will be open to young people 15 years of age and over. In making it clear that all sections of the youth constituency of our churches are welcome, the Convention seeks to remind our young people that they have a common heritage in Christ and in the Restoration Movement.

The Convention theme is to be *Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life*. Bible study on the theme will be led by David Hodges, a well-

known Presbyterian leader from South Australia. Gordon Stirling, of Canberra, will be the principal speaker, but another distinguished speaker will be Mr. Manikidza Nyoni, of Southern Rhodesia. Mr. Nyoni, a school teacher, is a product of the Dadayan (S. Rhodesia) Mission work conducted by our New Zealand churches. At present he is studying for his M.A. degree in history at the Wellington University. This intelligent, alert and attractive young man, representing new emergent Africa, will make a valuable contribution to the Convention.

One of the matters that it is expected will be launched and discussed keenly in Adelaide is a proposal to hold a joint Australian-New Zealand work camp project in the New Hebrides. The N.Z. Presbyterian Church, through its senior youth organisation, has held two camps in its field in the same islands. The most recent, held last July, erected a 3-mile fence around a new property to be used for theological education. The nature of the project on our field has not yet been determined, but it will be one that will assist the Mission enterprise. At the same time it will forge links between our Australian and N.Z. brotherhoods, and give a group of young people a first-hand insight into a Mission situation.

When young people come together, as they will in Adelaide for consultation, inspiration, worship and witness, power is generated. When they are Christian young people, it is the power of the Holy Spirit which is released. I remember vividly the tremendous impact of the two great ecumenical Youth Conferences held in New Zealand during my term there. At Lower Hutt, in 1960, the 1,500 young people who were present were deeply moved, especially at the need of the Christian Church, and the people in general, of the countries of Asia to our near north. £1,100 was given as the Conference offering for Christian service projects in Hong Kong, and over the next few months another £1,000 came in for the same purpose. More young people offered for service overseas than it has been possible to place.

We cannot say what will emerge from Adelaide, 1963. But we go believing that God has gone ahead of us, and that his Spirit will stir us to the depths, to deeper commitment and loyalty, and to more valiant service.

THINKING ON THESE THINGS

Ira A. Paternoster.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." How true this is one realises the older one grows. Jesus made it very clear that it is not what enters into one's life that defiles, but that out of the heart comes all corrupting thought. "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." How may this be? It is not easy in this modern age of T.V., radio and cheap literature. Even for the one who desires to keep the mind on the higher level, there is every inducement to let it wander away after the trivialities of life. Possibly that is one of the reasons why Jesus told us to get away into the inner room, and close the door, and pray to our Father in secret. The inner room is difficult for many folk. Our lives are so surrounded by worldly influences that it is not easy to get time for quiet meditation. Yet it is not impossible if only we school ourselves. It is possible in the midst of the hustle of things to shut out the commotion round about and hold communion within our own heart.

It is good for us often to face up to the searching question, "What think ye of Christ, whose Son is he?" That is not a question to be put at the entry into the Christian life, but one we must constantly ask ourselves. As we grow in years, so our concep-

tion of Christ grows, or at least it should be so, if we stop to think at all. I remember once hearing the late F. B. Meyer tell the following story of how a lady came to him and stated her longing for a greater measure of the Holy Spirit's power; he suggested she do as the Saviour did, spend the night on the mountain in prayer. Dr. Meyer invited her to come and see him again after such an experience, which she did, and said she had not obtained what she sought. "Did you derive nothing from your vigil?" the Dr. asked. "O, yes," was the reply, "Jesus seemed more real to me." "Is not that what the Holy Spirit is for?" he replied, and quoted to her John 16: 13 and 14, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine and shew it unto you."

Christ becomes more real to us every day. As we think of his suffering and death and of his coming again, like the disciples on the Emmaus Road, "Does not our heart burn within us as he walks with us the modern road?" Only as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Word

are our thoughts likely to take on that quality of Christlikeness that makes our Christian life vibrant, so that others may see we have been with Jesus and learned of him. That we might know him and the power of his resurrection should be our constant prayer if our Christian life is to become real in this modern age. The faith of so many is being severely tested today as they think of the events taking place around them. Science has reached such a fantastic stage that young and old are wondering where it will all end. The answer, of course, is that God is still in control of the universe, and while our thoughts are centred upon God, what he has done and what he has said he will yet do, we can live our lives with confidence. The final act will be God's act and not that of man, however far he may advance in unfolding the secrets of the universe. So far and no further is the length to which man is to be permitted to go. That was shown in the story of the Flood and in the building of the Tower of Babel. When we remember God is the same yesterday, today and forever, we can face the future with confidence.

Let our minds "think on these things" and peace will reign supreme.

Famed missionary, 87-year-old Dr. ALBERT SCHWEITZER, writes on . . .

Preaching In the African Jungle

I preach every Sunday morning in my Mission in Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa. To a Christian in a civilised community the sermon might seem a bit strange.

Many of my congregation know absolutely nothing about Christianity. They are transient workers from far inland. Soon they will return home to buy a woman and get married. If they carry some of the gospel of Christ home with them, I have planted a seed.

Slowly my patients and their companions appear, sitting between barracks and mountain slope under the shady roofs. I play on a portable harmonium. The congregation cannot sing, since it consists almost exclusively of tribesmen speaking six dialects.

Two interpreters repeat my sentences. I do not require that my listeners sit quietly. They build fires and cook their meals, wash and comb their children, mend their fishing nets.

A reprimand at this time would break the solemnity of the occasion. The Word of God is being passed on to people hearing it mostly for the first time.

Needs Simplicity in Preaching

I must be simple in my sermons. My audience knows nothing of Adam and Eve, the patriarchs, the prophets, the Messiah or the apostles. I allow the Word to speak to them timelessly. When I use the word "Messiah," I explain it as "King of hearts, whom God has sent." Above all, I try to avoid the temptation common to those who preach to tribal hearers—to "preach the Law." It is difficult not to cite the Ten Commandments and thus prepare for the gospel people to whom lying, stealing and immorality are second nature.

I strive to awaken a longing for peace with God. When I speak of the difference between the restless and the peaceful heart, the wildest

of my hearers knows what is meant. And when I portray Jesus as he who brings peace with God, they comprehend.

To be understood I must speak concretely. Thus, for example, Peter's question to Jesus whether it is sufficient to forgive sevenfold cannot be left so general. I must make it clear through illustrations from their lives. Recently I told them:

"You have just got up, when someone comes who is known to be bad. He insults you. Because Jesus says that one shall forgive, you are silent.

"Later, the neighbor's goat eats your lunch of bananas. Instead of starting a fight, you simply say that it was his goat, and that it would be right for him to replace the bananas. But if he objects, you leave quietly, thinking how God causes so many bananas to grow on your farm that you have no need to start trouble because of these few.

"Later, a man who took your ten bushels of bananas to market to sell along with his own gives you money for only nine of them. He says you gave him only nine bushels. You are ready to shout in his face that he is a liar. You must think, however, how many lies that you alone know about of which God must forgive, and you go quietly into your hut.

"As you make a fire you notice that someone has taken some of the wood you brought from the forest yesterday. Again you force your heart to forgiveness and refrain from finding the thief and turning him in to the chief.

Unpleasant Acts Continue

"In the afternoon you are about to leave for work on the farm, when you discover that someone has taken your good bush knife and left in its place an old jagged knife you recognise. Then you think, you've forgiven four times and can do it a fifth. Although it was a day in which many unpleasant things happened, you feel as happy as if it were one of the smoothest. Why? Be-

cause your heart is joyous for having obeyed the will of Jesus.

"In the evening you want to go fishing. You find your torch gone. Anger overcomes you, and you think you've forgiven enough today. But once again the Lord Jesus becomes Master of your heart. With a torch that you borrow you go down to the river bank.

"There you discover that your boat is missing. Someone has gone fishing in it. Angry, you hide behind a tree and plan to take away all the intruder's fish when he comes back and turn him in to the district captain. But as you wait your heart begins to speak. Over and over is repeated the word of Jesus that God cannot forgive us our sins if we do not forgive our fellow man. Jesus again becomes Master over you. When at dusk the man finally returns, you step from behind a tree: you say to him that the Lord Jesus forces you to let him go in peace. You don't even demand the fish, but I believe he will give them to you in sheer amazement . . .

"Now you go home, happy and

proud that you have managed to forgive seven times. But if on that very day the Lord Jesus came to your village and you stepped before him, thinking he would praise you, then he would say to you, as he did to Peter, that sevenfold is not enough; that you must forgive sevenfold again and again, and again, and many times more, until God can forgive you your many sins."

I see in the faces of my congregation how moved they are. Often I stop to ask them whether their hearts are in agreement with what is said. They are prone to answer in a loud chorus that it is right as I have said it.

At the end of the sermon I have them fold their hands; then I recite very slowly a short, unprepared prayer. For a long time after the "Amen," heads are bowed over hands. As the soft music begins again, they straighten up. All remain motionless until the last tone has died away. As I take my leave my people begin to arise. They leave with the living Word of God.—Bible Society Record.

T. A. FITZGERALD (Fairfield, Vic.) urges his congregation . . .

"LET'S FACE IT!"

How many are the complaints one hears about — lack of interest, poorness of attendances, our being on the way out and our not getting anywhere, or people not getting anything out of the services.

Well! how interested are you, how often do you show up, what efforts are you making, and if left to you what contribution would be made to the life and service of the church? Let's face it!

(1) OUR CONVICTIONS REQUIRE — POLICY.

"One thing I know" (John 9: 25).

Convictions! I trust we have them, and if we do, then we must have a policy in Christian living. Are you a single-minded person? In the things of Christ and of the Church, we cannot afford to be otherwise! We cannot serve God and mammon. "For to me to live is Christ" is not only the attitude of the Apostle Paul — it must be ours also.

Some seem to think that in everything other than in the Church there has to be concentration for the achievement of anything worthwhile. Do your convictions lead you anywhere? Let's face it! The man that is sure will certainly get there. But how sure are you? Has your conversion meant anything to you, and has your association with the Church

done anything to you? Does this, your church, mean anything, or could you belong just as well to any other anywhere? Do you mean anything to God? Let's face it, and be honest about it.

(2) OUR COMMITMENT REQUIRES — PURPOSE.

"One thing I do" (Phil. 3: 13).

Here there is point and purpose to one's manner and measure of life and service. This was written, not at the beginning of Paul's Christian experience, but after at least 20 years of service to Christ. I press, I pursue — toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." There is a goal — there is an ideal — there is an end — there are rewards.

One would imagine by the attitude of some church members that Christ offers no incentive. But do you consider it to be worth the effort? We expend ourselves for a great deal less in matters of recreation, pleasure and achievement; we chase after the will-of-the-wisp and the bubble of human praise.

Just how serious are we in "the things that really matter"? By our behaviour, one can only conclude that we are worldly-wise and bent on making the best of both worlds. Purpose is one form of the word

propose, and it is this which gives us its true meaning — to place before oneself a thing to be done or attained. It is the individual will which alone has power to propose a course of action, to draw up a plan, to state an objective. We stand in need of those who not only have the will to propose, but the purpose resolutely to carry out their propositions, and, like Jesus, be file-leaders. So let us face it!

(3) OUR CONSECRATION REQUIRES — PRECISION.

"One thing needful" (Luke 10: 42).

Consecration is an old fashioned word, but don't allow its sharp edge to be blunted.

How precise are you in your Christian witness, and how definite in your service?

Perhaps you are as evasive as the elusive Pimpernel, and non-committal to any task assigned to you — a Mr. Facing Both Ways, as John Bunyan described some of his day.

How cluttered up we become with "the many things." It was Jesus who said this. How cumbered are you today? "There is but one thing needful and Mary hath chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her."

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Notes supplied by R. S. McLean.

Second Doctor for India

It is with thanks to God that the Overseas Mission Board announces the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Thornley Thomas to missionary service in India. Our Conference in Western India has for many years expressed the desire to have two doctors, so that more work could be done in the towns and villages. When the Committee of Management was advised that another doctor was available, they readily agreed to his appointment.

The Mobile Dispensary has been purchased and is being shipped to Dhond. The acquisition of this vehicle will greatly assist our medical missionaries in their village work.

Dr. Thornley Thomas is a nephew of the late J. E. Thomas, who was recognised throughout our brotherhood as a gifted evangelist. His cousin, Colin Thomas, served in India for many years. Dr. Thomas graduated M.B., B.S. in 1949, and since then has been practising medicine in South Australia and Western Australia. In recent years he has established a practice in Floreat Park, W.A., but Dr. Thomas has sold his practice and home so that he might serve Christ on the Mission fields.

Mrs. Thomas is well known throughout our brotherhood. Her father is I. J. Chivell, Secretary of the South Australian Conference. Mrs. Thomas has been actively engaged in work amongst young people in W.A. She,

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Our choice is required. "Mary," said Jesus, "hath chosen." Have you? Let us face it!

Now Jesus did not say that "the many things" were wrong, but he did say you have not added to the many the one which is the supreme necessity — the one thing of discipleship, of learning that, in relationship to me, you must not only give, you must take time to receive, you must sit at my feet and learn of me."

So Jesus commended Mary, "There is one thing needful and Mary hath chosen it — the one necessity." Mary had learned the secret. God give us to know what it is to combine service with worship. Let's face it! and our conversation together will have been to some profit and purpose today.

with her husband, is a member of the Wembley church.

All State Overseas Mission Committees have endorsed the appointment of this fine couple, and the Board believes that the whole of the brotherhood will show its approval by prayerfully supporting Thornley and Edda as they go forward. The Thomases will leave for India early in the New Year, and will attend the language school with Dr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Veal and Miss Inez Groves.

To gain additional medical experience, Dr. Thomas will spend at least a year after the completion of language school, which lasts for about three months, at the Jalna Church of Scotland Hospital. Jalna is about 200 miles from Dhond, and is in the Marathi-speaking area. While at Jalna, they will continue their language studies, and will gain experience in medical work under Indian conditions.

Our Committee of Management in India has advised that the Church of Scotland Mission will gladly welcome the Thomas family, which of course includes little Virginia. As Dr. Thomas will not assume full-time medical duties while he is studying the language, arrangements have been made whereby practically half of their salary will be met by the Church of Scotland Mission, and we will be responsible for all other expenses.

Examination Day — Londua

K. Ludgater.

It's a perfect day outside, with a cool, gentle breeze to relieve the heat, and the seas less than 150 yards away, quiet and inviting. For twelve boys, however, this means nothing, for they seem quite oblivious of all, except an examination paper for the British Solomon Island Senior Primary Leaving Certificate, which may be the key to further overseas education for some of them. Perhaps it may help you to understand our work here at Londua if I draw some pen pictures of these boys, giving instead of names the numbers I have allotted them.

No. 1 is just doing the examination as a "trial run" for the Teachers' College Entrance examination in a month's time (Oct. 25), and I anticipate that he will be successful in securing admission for the two-year course. He is a twenty-year old from South Pentecost, and has been well spoken of by Ron McLean and other

missionaries who have taught him. His understanding and expression in English is better than average and, with a pleasing personality, he should fulfil the hopes of his village as an efficient and devoted teacher.

No. 2, the oldest "boy" in the school is in his middle twenties. Tall, strong, sincere and determined, his voice already carries authority with the men on Malo, where he may return at the end of this year to start a school. He has occasionally expressed his difference of opinion to me concerning some matters in the school, and the quiet talks we have had have been of mutual benefit. He amazed me recently by enrolling nine new members from a village which he sometimes visits at the weekend for our Scripture Union branch (which reads Junior Notes).

Nos. 3 and 4 are local Ndui Ndui boys who do not board at the school. When we first arrived here in February last year, we heard that one of them had been known to drink methylated spirits, and probably much more. Knowing he would deny this, I didn't even question him, and it had taken place before my arrival. We have tried to teach these men why it is harmful to smoke and drink, and hope that the message is getting through to them. (The local council is today discussing the "grog" question, which is becoming acute, since many are drinking simply because the new legislation allows them to.)

No. 5 is from Longana, North-East Aoba, where our work is in the capable hands of a fine group of ex-Londua men. He talked to me last year and said, "I would like to do the Dresser's Course in the Solomons." That proved impossible, but we hope that he may train at the Ndui Ndui Hospital, and possibly set up a dispensary, which is needed in his district.

The last one on this side of the room is another "local," who appears to be interested in doing a boat-building course, from which one of our boys has recently returned. Unfortunately, in the middle of the year, he and some other boys were involved with a rather disreputable girl, and he was punished by working on the roads. When he had finished and was idly walking about, I gave him another chance before he continued "down-hill." His response has been quite pleasing, and we hope and pray that he, as well as his school-mates, will learn more of the love of Christ, and may witness to those around him.

These "boys" are a real challenge.

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Ian Richer, minister at St. Kilda, Vic., has accepted the invitation to minister with the church at Grey-mouth, N.Z., as from Feb., 1963.

News of British Churches

The outstanding event of recent weeks has been the departure of two young women missionaries, who sailed from London en route for South Africa to join the staff of the Mission in Nyasaland. Ruth Hendry is the daughter of the General Secretary of the Churches of Christ in Great Britain. Jennifer Marsh hails from Hindley, in Lancashire, and is well known for her work among young people and Fellowships of Youth. Farewell meetings were held, not only in their home churches but also at different places throughout the country.

The Social Questions Committee is taking active steps towards the establishment of a Home for Old People. William Mander, now retired from the active ministry, has undertaken the task of receiving gifts towards the Home.

The Church Extension Committee, which makes its annual appeal to the churches during September, reports that the East Kilbride project is nearing completion. It is due to be opened on Nov. 10. The Committee has given £12,000 towards the cost. A further £1,000 is earmarked for new work in Leicester.

Three students who left Overdale College at the end of the summer term have begun their new ministries: Geoffrey Herickx in Birmingham; K. Forrest at Swindon; P. Hunt in Leicester. Other ministers have moved to new pastorates.

Among those visiting Kirk Week at Ayr in Scotland was the General Secretary, W. W. Hendry. Richard Murray, of Lossiemouth, was the chairman of one of the committees. Scottish churches sent a number of day visitors.

Miss Elsie Gainham, a former secretary of the Social Questions Committee, who has been engaged on relief work in Germany since the close of the war, has visited the people of the Orthodox Faith who worship in the two chapels provided by funds raised by the Social Questions Committee.—G. J. Hammond.



Syd. Morgan, who is ranked fifth in table tennis in Australia, has been selected in the four-member Australian team to compete in the 1963 World Table Tennis Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Before competing in world titles the team will play in English and Scottish open championships. After world titles they will compete in other European countries, returning late in May. Syd. is recognised as one of the two greatest players produced in South Australia, and competed in the 1961 world titles in Peking, China. Syd. and his family are in membership at Flinders Park, S.A.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

What can be done for ministers waiting for a call? Part 2.

It was suggested last week that a minister awaiting a call could be usefully employed by the brotherhood in serving a church that is waiting for a minister.

Another possibility is that a minister could be given an associate interim ministry with one of our larger churches, again employed by the brotherhood, rather than the local church. Either of these alternatives would give Advisory Boards and others concerned an opportunity for assessing a man's capacity for the ministry — if there is any doubt!

One minister worked at his old trade for many months because no church wanted him when a ministry concluded. The ministry seemed finished for him. However, a large church in his city lost its minister for temporary but lengthy brotherhood service, and suddenly needed an interim minister. The Board could easily have found a man with an established reputation but, instead, decided wisely to call the ex-minister. He served acceptably in this large church, and when the interim ministry ended was immediately called to another. Having served a strong church well, he was on the wanted list. His next move was to become a College lecturer, where he was required to train young men for the ministry that had nearly eluded him.

This man was saved for the ministry almost by accident. The brotherhood, by design, could ensure the same help for others. It is a great waste if our churches spend time, money, effort and leadership in preparing a man for the ministry and then fail to use him effectively. He should be afforded a reasonable opportunity to prove himself before being discarded.

The principle here seems to be whether a minister's contract should be with the local church or with the brotherhood as a whole. So far as missionaries are concerned, we accept the principle that the whole brotherhood has responsibility. For home missionaries and Departmental officers the same applies.

It is not a great step further to accept, in certain carefully prescribed circumstances, brotherhood responsibility for ministers awaiting a call to a church. Can we afford to do this? We cannot afford not to do it!

Next Week: The Over Organised Church.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., OCT. 7. — After preaching at home this morning, I went to the Centre this afternoon to share in the informal "At Home" to the Indian and New Hebridean delegates to Federal Conference. It was a memorable experience tonight to baptise the fifteen young people who recently made their decision for Christ.

MON., OCT. 8. — A good friend drove Amelia and me to the Airport, where we teamed up with quite a group of members, like us en route to Hobart Federal Conference. "There must be something on in Hobart," said the clerk as he weighed our luggage. "Three hundred people have already gone through this morning." We had an excellent flight, found Hobart members waiting with a smiling greeting, and our host (Malcolm Davis) soon transported us to the warm hospitality of his home. In the evening he drove us and their other guests (Charles Cole and Kevin Crawford, of N.S.W.) to Mt. Nelson for a fairyland view of Hobart's twinkling lights.

TUES., OCT. 9. — I was involved in a Departmental Conference this afternoon, before being rejoined by Amelia for the Lord Mayor's welcome. Later, I spoke for Victoria among those who brought State greetings to the President's Tea, before we adjourned (hurriedly, because the wind was blowing straight off Mt. Wellington's snow!) to the City Hall for an impressive inaugural session.

WED., OCT. 10. — With sessions beginning at 9 a.m., there was little time for leisure today. Already, before the official business sessions begin tomorrow, there is evident a spirit of frank and wholesome sharing, and a marked feeling of brotherhood. It was typical of H. J. Patterson that, although he has a lifetime of creative experience behind him, he set our faces to the future with his Ministers' Session talk on Tomorrow's Minister.

THURS., OCT. 11. — Business got under way today with presentation and discussion of Departmental reports. Tonight, E. W. Heard gave a stimulating missionary address.

FRI., OCT. 12. — Some important notices of motion provoked plenty of comment today. The public rally tonight gave us another opportunity to appreciate the work of the small but well-trained Conference Choir, under N. F. Monson.

SAT., OCT. 13. — Possibly the best story to come out of Conference so far concerns the preacher who absently-mindedly posted off his radio licence to the Conference officers instead of his six-shilling postal note for the Ministers' Tea!

HERE AND THERE

D. A. V. Thomas will conclude his ministry at Frankston, Vic., at the end of 1962.

The issue of Oct. 9 announced that G. W. Barnett, Preston, Vic., had accepted a further three year's ministry there. However, Mr. Barnett accepted re-engagement for an indefinite period. We apologise for the error.

P. E. Perry (Parkdale) will commence a ministry at Chadstone, Vic., early 1963.

In his Secretarial report on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Mr. J. T. Watson, General Secretary in London, stated that during 1961: 10,000,000 Scriptures were distributed through the B. & F. B. S. and its Agencies; 4,723,130 volumes of Scriptures were produced in Britain alone; nearly 5,000,000 copies were despatched from Bible House, of which about 1,500,000 were whole Bibles.

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St. Arnaud Mission

The combined Churches of Christ at Ballarat, Vic., ventured in faith to conduct a mission at the St. Arnaud church, where only about 12 members meet regularly for worship.

With delegations from district churches as far away as Dimboola, Haven and Horsham, there was an average attendance of 50. 72 visits were paid, seeking to restore former members and win souls for Christ. V. Berry and D. Feary led youth meetings, with up to 90 attending. The missionary, C. W. Jackel, was joined in visitation and song leading by Harold Evans, Harold and Desmond Feary. Items and joint participation in service were excellently rendered by visiting churches. The local press gave liberal space for sermon insertion and finance concessions.

One married lady decided to unite with the church. Many have been greatly influenced by gospel preaching. As the follow-up, a preacher is being sent there for two services and visitation until other arrangements can be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Chiswell (sec. and wife) gave appreciated co-operation. At the final service, R. Hall and Mrs. Grigg testified to the worthwhileness of the mission. The thankoffering covers mission expenses.

The H.M. co-operation in prayer is much appreciated.—C. W. Jackel.

Youth Centre Opening

DEVONPORT, TAS.

The new Sunday School Hall and Youth Centre at Devonport church, Tas., was officially opened on Oct. 7 by G. R. Stirling (Canberra).

A large number of Federal Conference visitors had a preview of the new building, as they were entertained with morning tea on their arrival on the Princess of Tasmania, on Saturday morning, en route to Hobart to the Conference.

The cold and showery weather continued through to Sunday morning, but improved somewhat through the day. One hundred and thirty people gathered in the New Hall for the opening ceremony.

E. W. Taylor, minister, chaired the meeting and extended a welcome to all, especially to the official party, amongst whom were the Warden of the Municipality, Councillor G. Girdlestone and Mrs. Girdlestone, Mr. Maxwell (Ministers' Fraternal and Congregational Church), A. Frazer (Baptist Church), G. R. Stirling and Mrs. Stirling (Canberra church), Federal Conference representatives, together with representatives from almost all of the local Devonport churches, and sister churches in Northern Tasmania. Vic.-Tas. Home Mission Committee was represented by C. J. Orr.

The guest speakers commended the church on its splendid effort in bringing such a project to completion, and all spoke highly of the sacrifice in time and talent necessary to bring the hall into being. All speakers expressed the hope that the new building would do much to extend the work and progress of the church amongst the young people, church membership, and town and community.

In responding, E. W. Taylor said that the project had firstly been a prayer-backed project, a team effort, and a co-operative effort. A word of praise was given to the fine preliminary work done by his predecessor, D. Holloway, in both the church and community. Mr. Taylor also expressed thanks of the church to the Home Mission Committee for its help and co-operation during the time of the building programme.

Mr. Stirling delivered a challenging and inspiring address as a climax to the happy occasion.

Breakthrough In Britain

The British Council of Churches, well aware how slowly British churches move in union talks, has a new plan.

A Congregational minister, John Weller, has resigned from his flourishing church in Surrey, and is going to give the next five years to what he calls "the breakthrough."

The Christian Century's editor-at-large, Cecil Northcott, describes Mr. Weller as "a crisp, experienced, good-looking man in his early 40's, a graduate of both London and Cambridge."

Mr. Weller has been recruited by the British Council of Churches as its Faith and Order secretary. Knowing well the weight of inertia, he is aware of a certain rising tide of impatience about church unity.

He wants to see the issues debated in the local parish halls as well as in the chambers of Lambeth and Edinburgh. He claims that ecumenical times are at hand. He notes that this year the Octave of Prayer for Unity was more widely observed in Britain than ever before and during the last few weeks there has been a steady formation of new local councils of churches.

He claims that if the British churches together can raise a million pounds for refugees (as they did two years ago), they can also raise the temperature for unity.

His plan involves the division of England into eight areas, in each of which he plans to hold a conference on unity and the problems involved in it. He believes that people want to get a clear idea of how unity would affect local church life, and what would happen locally if the churches did unite.

He aims to get unity out of the stratosphere of assemblies and experts into the arena of local life. He has faith in the English genius for local life, and he believes that the ecumenical problem has never yet been exposed to the sharp, objective look of churchwardens, sidesmen, elders and lay deacons.

From the regional conferences of the next two years the breakthrough plan will head toward Nottingham where England's first National Conference of Faith and Order will be held in September, 1964.

But first, local groups will study five booklets published by the British Council. They break down the New Delhi Statement on unity into manageable sections, as indicated by the titles.

(1) God's Will and Gift; (2) Making it Visible; (3) Witness and Service to All; (4) All in Each Place, and (5) In All Places and All ages. — A.C.C. Information.



Worship Gives a Family Vitality

Robert R. Smythe.

In the midst of rush and tension, ulcers and heart attacks, Christian families bear witness of a God who cares.

Not willing to conform to the madness of our time, Christian families declare that God, revealed in Jesus Christ, is not beyond the reach of any family, that his presence is not bound by time or space.

The God who created families is the family's God!

Transformation comes to the world because these families of the larger household of faith meet problems of change with courage and creativity. Worship becomes the means of giving God his worth. At the heart of the family is worship, a continuing source of vitality.

Aside from the constant bearing of Christ in attitude and spirit, the family needs time when the household comes together to proclaim in word and ritual, "As for me and my house, we shall worship the Lord."

This gives space and time to renew the covenant of faithfulness made with one another and God. Praise and thanksgiving are the predominant attitudes as the family recalls the continuity of God's presence in past history.

Dependence upon the Lord becomes the strength of the family in crisis experiences or achievements.

Nothing taxes creative ability more than finding the best time for the family to come in one place for worship. The patterns vary according to the schedule and ages of the family. But a time can be found!

Many families pause before or after mealtime for their daily reading of the Scripture, a brief meditation, and a prayer for guidance, closing with the Lord's Prayer. The meal which seems to find the family together most frequently is the evening meal.

Other families find meaning in longer periods of worship once or twice a week, or when some decision or experience within the family summons them to give thanks or seek guidance.

OUR FAMILY PAGE

This longer but less frequent period of worship might be a part of "family night" or on Sunday afternoon or evening. The advantage of choosing Sunday for this longer period of worship is to realise the continuance of the worship in church, and the use of ideas and insight appropriated from the larger household of faith.

Worship is a part of the process of being a family. It is selfish not to take time to recognise God as the source of life and to give him respect and adoration.

Society is changing today. Families are on the move, either across the country or up and down the social ladder. Values are increasingly determined at the shrine of materialism.

We need no survey to tell us that families are facing hidden fears and that they are hungry for a sense of inner stability. A pattern of family worship can help to fill their needs.

Children Need Praise

It is unfortunate to hear an adult or a young person say "I cannot remember hearing my parents praise me for anything. It was always 'Why did you do that?' or 'Why didn't you do this?'" Often we are so intent in moulding our children into the images we want them to be that we forget to give praise when it is due. Effort, even though the end result is far from what we wish, is worthy of encouragement. It is harder for some children to reach goals than others. Some make a greater effort to do things in a poor way than others do in coming near perfection. Be aware of the differences in your children. What is hard for one is easy for another.

Comparing children is dangerous. Johnny may be a natural at making friends and keeping them. Mary may be prone to say the wrong thing at the wrong time and find herself continually in trouble. If Johnny is praised and Mary is scolded, it will be natural for her to feel deeply hurt or resentful because she has tried very hard and has failed. This is the time to show her that the love of a parent who understands is much like the love of God who understands and forgives. Keep a loving eye on Mary, give her encouragement and praise when possible, and she will make a greater effort to grow in Christian love. Let your children know that mothers and fathers do understand; that they can be loving while being firm in guiding young lives. —Pearl Barnes Smith in *Hearthstone*.

CALL TO THE CHURCH

O Church of God's own making,
Arise and take thy place
Amid the thronging nations
To lend thy light and grace.
All men await thy coming
To change their night to day,
To bring God's truth and justice
And show the better way.

Though greed and hate still linger
To curse the groping world,
Take up God's peaceful battle
With banners bright unfurled.
Thou goest not unaided,
For he shall give thee power
To win for him the triumph
In this his day and hour.

Awake, O Church! Our Master
Leads on to battles new.
No longer doubt his Lordship,
But seek his will to do.
Let all who claim his leading
Go forth in faith secure
And build for him a Kingdom
That shall forever endure.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

HAVE YOU EARNED TOMORROW?

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along your way?

Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping past

That you helped a single brother in the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does a man who's hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or poorly spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God would say,

"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?"

—Anon.

The teacher asked her class how Noah spent his time in the Ark. Receiving no response, she added, "Do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?"

"What!" jeered one small lad, "with only two worms!"

Inflation: When two can live as steep as one.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Margaret Chrisp, Lois Hood, Ormond, Vic.

Jill Sellwood, David Hampton, Colac, Vic.

Mrs. Anthony and son; Mrs. Rickard and daughter, Flinders Park, S.A.

Lynn Cheavour, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Mrs. J. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Camp Hill, Qld.

Miss Leslie Cliff, Miss Saunders, Richmond, Vic.

Leon Muller, Beryl Wright, Toowoomba, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Chapman, Miss Gloria Gallagher, Tamworth, N.S.W.

Rhonda Nosworthy, Naracoorte, S.A.

Mrs. Scott (Hervey Bay), Mrs. L. Heitman, Mr. H. Gerhardt, Mrs. H. Gerhardt, Maryborough, Qld.

Membership

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gillespie, Bruce, Robin, Jeanette Gillespie, Glen Waverley to Sunshine, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoare, from Chatswood; Mrs. Day, snr., Sis. Day, jnr., from Marrickville; Lylal Dick, from Inverell; Pam Brown, from Kingsgrove, to Hamilton, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Conry, Alan Maurice, Ronald Conry, from South Yarra; Mr. and Mrs. B. Russenber, from Cheltenham, to Glen Waverley, Vic.

Rae Joyce, Taree to Burwood, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Simons, from Stansbury Christian Church; Mrs. Neil Page, from Clovelly Park, S.A., to Naracoorte, S.A.

Mrs. Blackeby, Glenelg to Owen, S.A.

Marriage

Dorothy Walker to David Purvis, Caulfield, Vic.

Judith Coates to Barny Green, Forestville, S.A.

Joy Cross to Peter Middleton; Pam Ricketts to Colin King; Raelene Lewis to Brian Curry, Flinders Park, S.A.

Lois Hawkins to John Bentley, Rockdale, N.S.W.

P. Northeast to B. Reynolds, Northcote, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Oliver, Balwyn, Vic.

Mr. Malpas, Flinders Park, S.A.

Mrs. T. Freebairn, Owen, S.A.

QUEENSLAND

Camp Hill (K. J. Harvey). — Two baptisms during month. These, with another, welcomed into fellowship. Church celebrated 5th anniversary, Sept. 15-16. Happy time of fellowship enjoyed at tea, 15th, which C.W.F. catered for. Birthday cake cut by Mrs. Alcorn, who has been Churches of Christ member for over 60 years, and foundation member of Camp Hill. Special speakers on Sunday were L. G. Read (Ann-st.) and J. McCormack (Kedron), Conf. Pres. B.S. held "Mission Tree" evening, 22nd, when all scholars, parents and friends joined in happy time, and children placed presents for Mission stations for Christmas under tree. Over 150 were present. C.W.F. celebrated 7th anniversary of W.C.W.F., and used programme arranged by Mrs. Duncan (Great Britain) for service. Letters were also enjoyed from Canada and Puerto Rico. During month, C.W.F. has purchased indoor plants for chapel, crockery, and baptismal gowns. Gospel service on 23rd took form of special affiliation service of B.B. as 31st of Brisbane. Leaders, D. Cranston and G. Mackay, and their wives entertained boys at dinner prior to service. Y.W.F. held open evening, Oct. 2, when Mr. and Mrs. Hepper (Albion Baptist) brought programme of song and music, played on many different instruments. Sept. averages: a.m., 76; p.m., 61.

Toowoomba (A. C. Thurrowgood - H. J. Finger). — Y.P.F. went to Cunningham's Gap for annual camp, Sept. 14-16. Sept. 23, visit by Conf. Pres., J. H. McCormick, who also spoke at C.M.S., 24th. Young man and woman baptised, 30th. Harlaxton B.S. anniversary services, Oct. 7; C.F. Adermann guest speaker for day. Oct. 14, Margaret-st. B.S. anniversary and Crown-st. anniversary, 21st. Church looking forward to 80th anniversary services, with D. Mansell as speaker. Church has shared in visiting Dalby

and Gatton missions. John Simms speaker on Sept. 30. Finance committee recently formed for new hall Margaret-st. has project in hand.

Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay (D. G. Nelson). — Baddow B.S. anniversary, Sept. 30. Many parents and friends attended. Minister gave message. Special prizes given for scholars who brought most scholars for year, as well as usual prizes. At gospel service, 30th, 80 present when 4 adults baptised. Oct. 6-7, 14 Y.P. visited Kingaroy for youth meetings. Mr. Nelson guest speaker. Fellowship wonderful and hospitality unsurpassed. Weekly cottage meetings for prayer and Bible study, recently held in homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. Oakley and Sisters Deighton. Av. attendances 24. Tentative plans drawn for new chapel and hall. Building expected to be commenced early in New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson feel necessity of extending ministry here until early 1966.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — C.W.F. took charge of W.M.B. meeting at Ulverstone, Sept. 12. A fine gathering in new hall to witness preview and film of Boys' Brigade. Mr. Cowman, sec., A.C.B.B., Sydney, was guest speaker. First enrolment of boys 12-17 were taken. Two additional rooms have been added to the manse. Guest speakers on Oct. 7, B. Burt (Blackwood, S.A.), a.m., and Mr. Walmsley (Mission to Lepers), p.m. Film, *Enterprise R5*, screened. In afternoon a large and representative gathering at service of thanksgiving for dedication of new hall. G. Stirling (Cannberra) gave a challenging message.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Hamilton (W. D. Howard). — Church celebrated 39th anniversary on Sept. 30, Oct. 1. J. P. Henderson, supt. Paramatta Girls' Home, was speaker at all services, which were largely attended. Special musical programme arranged for opening meeting, when items were rendered by Sis. J. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jefferson and Lt. Stewart (Salvation Army). Anthems were rendered at all services by church choir under leadership of N. Fraser. Many visitors from Sydney, country districts and Poona Mission Field (India) attended. Two received into fellowship Oct. 1 and four on Sept. 30. C.W.F. held social evening,

4th, when clothing and goods to be sent to Mission station in W.A. were on show.

Hornsby. — Young man baptised by V. S. Dallinger, Sept. 16, at which C. Cole was speaker. There was one rededication. Y.P. conducted devotional meeting at "Bingley Hall," 30th, at 5.30 p.m. C.W.F. arranged mystery car drive to and barbecue at Burragarang Lookout, Oct. 1. Gospel service, 7th, conducted by Y.P. Address was given by V. S. Dallinger. Recent speakers have been Messrs. Boswell, Cole, Dallinger, Ellerby, Campbell, Glazier, Ward-Smith.

Mosman - North Balgowlah (L. E. Wylie - R. Davidson). — E. F. Morris (Chatswood) addressed church, Sept. 9. On evening of 13th, Ladies' Aid had combined meeting, when Mrs. Wakeley screened films of her travels in Japan, and pictures of the Passion Play at Oberammergau. J. Perry (sec., Boys' Home Com.) spoke on work, 19th. J. Main (Woolwich) and C. Saxby speakers, 23rd. Minister, as Conference President, was visiting Inverell. Combined North Side missionary rally held at Lane Cove, 26th, when Sis. Pauline Jones (New Hebrides) was welcomed home on furlough, and Sis. Jean Delaney was farewelled on her way to New Hebrides. Mr. Donaldson in hospital. At North Balgowlah, school work is keeping up, but some Sunday meetings have had to be combined with Mosman, due to lack of numbers. R. Davidson is speaking at each meeting.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — Woolwich College students visited church, Sept. 15, 16. Saturday evening service conducted by students and Sunday's speakers were from among exit students. C.W.F. visited Warrawong to conduct their meeting; happy time of fellowship was had. B.S. anniversary held 23rd; singing of children was delightful. Mrs. Bowmer addressed kinders, and B. Edgar spoke at p.m. meeting. N. Lewis, who had been supt. for some time, handed over his position to S. Creek. Mr. Lewis will take charge of transporting the children to and from school. Church took part in camp at Youth Centre, 30th. D. Giles has succeeded S. Creek as church treas.

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.). — Adult Christian Education "missionary" project has realised £103. Record number of scholars sat for B.S. Scripture exam. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Smith and Misses J. Moses, N. Tooby and R. Joyce have been added to teaching staff. Recent visitors were G. Owen (Canberra) and Mrs. Oldfield (Albury). Quiz team from B.S. won Dept. of Christian Education competition. D. Schofield (Woolwich) conducting evening services during the absence of

Dr. Elliott in Tasmania. Young lady welcomed by transfer.

Tamworth (F. D. Craig). — Three students from Woolwich Bible College conducted gospel service, Sept. 9. A teenage girl made confession of faith. C.W.F. held 8th anniversary on 10th, with representative gathering from other churches present. Mrs. A. Baker (Sydney) was guest speaker. R. H. Gordon speaker at a.m., 16th. L. Wylie (Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Wylie, visited church on 20th, when meeting was held at the manse. Three baptised on 23rd. A large number of visitors welcomed to services on 30th, because of holiday weekend. C.M.F. held annual business meeting, Oct. 2, when officers elected were: pres., C. Love; vice-pres., A. Hannah; sec., R. Belford; treas., D. Platt. Various committees were appointed. Church held picnic at Bendemeer on Oct. 1. C.Y.F. reports increased attendance at Sunday evening tea and discussion period. C.W.F. held special "forget-me-not" evening on 8th, with much increased attendance. Four local ladies brought 5-minute messages. Mr. and Mrs. David Chapman welcomed into membership, 7th. Several members making satisfactory progress after hospitalisation.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Forestville (N. Gavros). — B.S. picnic held in two sections; younger ones with visit to Zoo, older ones picnic with barbecue tea. E. G. Whitham, representing Gideon's, speaker evening service, Sept. 30. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Wood were church delegates to Temperance Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson celebrated 50th wedding anniversary. Dorcas Society and C.W.F. presented sheaths of flowers. Av. communicants for Sept., 113.

Williamstown (D. M. Hughes). — Possibility of commencing combined C.E. group with Methodist Y.P. being discussed. Neither church has sufficient youth to have extensive activities on their own, so suggestion of combining would solve many problems. Several members attending Federal Conference.

Flinders Park (J. B. Baker). — B.S. anniversary services well attended. Choir sang well, under leadership of A. Quillan. Special number conducted by D. Pearce very well received. Speakers, Mr. Penna (Methodist) and I. Gates. Miss J. Hunting guest speaker at youth tea. Combined kitchen evening given to Misses Cross and Ricketts, and a presentation made to Miss Lewis, prior to weddings.

Balaklava (K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Comm.). — Dr. G. A. Whiting spent Sept. 23 with church on return from U.S.A., also showing slides after even-

ing service. B.S. and all auxiliaries well maintained. Concern at lack of support of evening service has prompted special interest on evangelism.

Naracoorte. — Fay Dinning, Bonnie Hoskin, Irene and Philip Wardle attended World C.E. Convention in Sydney. Men's Fellowship in recess for several months. Some church members visited Adelaide for State Conference. At special business meeting, Sept. 28, State Conf. sec., I. J. Chivell, and H.M. organiser, E. P. C. Hollard, submitted scheme for future operation of church affairs, which was unanimously accepted, also invitation extended to minister. Mr. Chivell preached on Sunday a.m., and Mr. Hollard, p.m., with four decisions and one re-dedication. A happy time was spent at after-church fellowship.

Owen - Long Plains (C. S. Badcock). — Improvement in attendances at evening services have been encouraging in recent weeks. I. J. Chivell and W. Tregloan (Pres., N.D. Conf.) recently spoke at both churches. S. E. M. Riches spoke at combined circuit service at Owen, Sept. 30, and showed slides of Norseman and Carnarvon Missions at after-church fellowship hour. K. A. Jones (C.O.B.) recent visitor. Church School gained merit certificate in State Efficiency campaign. Miss A. Jones and K. Wray attended C.E. World Convention in Sydney. Hot water system installed and bathroom renovated in manse. Four members (L.P.) attending Federal Conference. Church saddened by passing of Mrs. T. Freebairn.

VICTORIA

Balwyn (L. F. Barker). — B.S. anniversary services of Sept. 23, 30 delighted all with stirring songs and interesting addresses. Thanks to K. Sturgess (conductor), orchestra and visiting speakers. P.B.P. gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in Bible Reading competition. Church congratulates Mrs. McDonald, who celebrated her 90th year. Church saddened by passing of Mrs. Oliver.

Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — B.S. anniversary very successful. Special speakers were Miss Dawn Martin and D. Beasy. R. Ratten contributed greatly by his fine handling of scholars in splendid singing. W.M.B. meeting addressed by Mrs. E. L. Williams. Slides showing work in New Hebrides and New Guinea were most informative. Gift table conducted in afternoon realised £4/5/-. Sept. opening of boxes for 1962 Missionary Appeal showed that £1,443 has now been contributed (£200 for Sept. alone).

Glen Waverley (R. W. Marshall). — More new families welcomed into fel-

lowship. Church rejoices to see two brothers make good confession. Minister and A. R. Lloyd (Dandenong) exchanged a.m. Service, Sept. 16. Delegation to Mitcham heard reps. from churches in India. Annual meeting held 26th. Messrs. Frecker, Patterson, Squires, Young, elected deacons (2 yrs.); Sis. Clark, Dunk, Watson, elected deaconesses (1 yr.); G. R. Clark, B.S. supt. A. A. Avery spoke p.m. service, Oct. 7. Cricket team entered in Suburban Churches' Assoc.

Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry). — At C.W.F., Sept. 13, Jan Hunting was guest speaker and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, soloist. C.Y.F. Flying Squad conducted gospel service, 16th. On 19th, C.Y.F. went to Ascot Vale for fellowship. G.P.'s in basketball competition held breaking up and presentation night, 20th. Visiting speaker at gospel service, 23rd, was H. Steele. B.S. anniversary services held Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. Speakers were B. Greenwood, G. Bosanquet, G. Moyes and L. Dewberry. Inspiring singing under leadership of R. Muller was enjoyed. Explorer boys gave display of gymnastic and variety acts in Town Hall, Oct. 5. On morning of 7th, a presentation was made to R. Sandells for his long and faithful service to church, prior to transferring membership. Mr. and Mrs. R. Fenn and Dawn were visitors from Sydney.

Pascoe Vale (G. Setsman). — C.W.F. reported very successful fete, at which the Mayor and Mayoress of Coburg were present. Vote of thanks to all who helped to make B.S. anniversary success.

Fairfield (T. A. Fitzgerald). — B.S. anniversary services, Sept. 23, 30. Scholars sang well, under leadership of G. Bowman. Speakers were T. A. Fitzgerald, H. Street, I. Garth, L. Roberts, C. Young. Cricket club held church parade at which several members took leading part in service. Mrs. Manallack and Mrs. Cleland visited W.M.B. in interests of Woman to Woman evangelism. Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Norman still ill. E. L. Williams spoke on experiences at New Delhi to combined meeting of local churches. F. Combridge spoke on Social Service work, Oct. 7.

Richmond (R. Hillbrich, T. Morrison, W. Gaunson). — Since Burnley congregation has been meeting with Richmond, attendances have increased and the fellowship has been enjoyed. Transport is provided by private cars. Church School has attendances of over 90 each Sunday. Auxiliaries report increased numbers, with 15 in Good Companions and 20 in C.Y.F., and ladies have 28. Ladies have recommenced midweek prayer meeting, held fortnightly in different homes. £21 raised at street stall. Church appre-

ciated Matron Davies' address at ladies' night service, Sept. 16. Church rejoices that one lady has decided for Christ and a young lady has been baptised in recent weeks. J. Armstrong welcomed back to services after several months' absence following an accident at work. J.C.E. had special T.V. programme, with each child giving an item; picnic held Sept. 22. Good Companions, led by Mrs. Hillbrich, had outing to Zoo. Explorers are preparing for out-door sports and working on projects for Worship Month. Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas farewelled, Oct. 7, prior to going to W.A. Cricket club being formed under enthusiastic leadership of L. Cockrell. Heaters have been purchased for chapel.

Bayswater (H. S. Prime). — Christian Education Flying Squad, led by Viney Longthorp, conducted evening service recently. C.W.F. sponsored film night, Sept. 14, screening *Hunger*, and first-hand knowledge of speaker, Mrs. Wositzky, was appreciated. £13 contributed to work of Inter-Church Aid Commission. Good Companions 6th birthday tea, 16th, enjoyed by 35 girls and leaders, including girls from Wattle Park church as guests, and their leader, Mrs. Furrer, as speaker. C.Y.F. attended car rally as guests of Croydon Y.P., 22nd. C.E. conducted Art Show, 29th, proceeds to assist Indian orphan boy. Tennis club and C.Y.F. combined for enjoyable tennis night at Hartwell, Oct. 5. On 7th, worship service addressed by K. Clinton, and evening service by A. Page (Boronia), in absence of minister at Mt. Evelyn. C.E. visited by District Union Flying Squad, 7th. 15 members C.M.S. enjoyed conducted tour of ABV2, Mt. Dandenong, 8th.

BIRTHS

BEAVIS. — To Elaine and David, at King Edward Memorial Hospital (W.A.), Oct. 3, a son — Wesley James. Both well.

MALE (Grenfell). — At Portland, Vic., on Oct. 3, to Kath and Allan, a daughter — Merryn Joy. Sister for Linda.

DEATH

OLIVER — Ruby Isabel, on Oct. 1 (suddenly), at 67 Rochester-rd., Balwyn, Vic., dearly loved friend of Nita Davies. "Peace, perfect peace."

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BALWYN CHURCH (Vic.), 40th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, Saturday, Oct. 20—Thanksgiving Service, 8 p.m. Film, Stranger in the House. Musical programme by C.E. Quartet. Sunday, 21st: Homecoming Services. 11 a.m., G.K. Moyes; soloist, Miss J. Milne; 7 p.m., L. F. Barker; soloist, Miss F. Cowper. After-church hour of fellowship and supper. All past members and friends welcome. For hospitality contact the church secretary or K. Sturgess. Phone 28-3681.

RICHMOND CHURCH (Vic.) ANNI-VERSARY SERVICE, Oct. 21. 11 a.m., K. W. Barton, L.Th., Dip.R.E.; 2.45 p.m., Ais Pormes, Indonesia; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., D. H. Smith, Dip.R.E. Former members of Burnley, South Richmond and North Richmond churches are invited to make this their homecoming day.

SPRINGVALE (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 21. 3 p.m., A. R. Lloyd; 7 p.m., J. G. Shaw.

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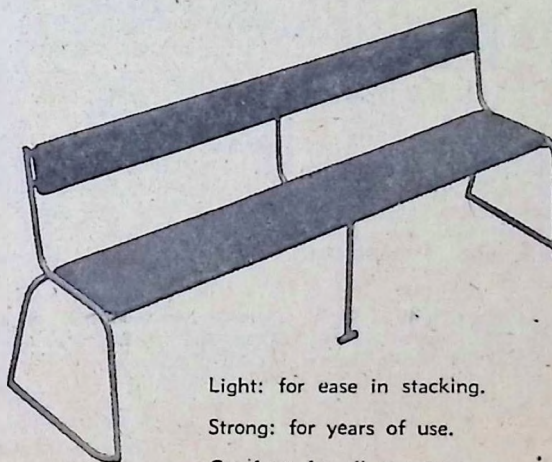
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OBITUARY

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On the second day after her 79th Birthday, Mrs. Iles passed to be with her Lord, on Sept. 23. At sixteen years of age she was baptised at Prahran (Vic.), where her grandfather had fellowship in the days when the gospel was preached from "the stump." Cuttings kept by our sister tell of functions of the Prahran church and Bible School at the turn of the century. Her late husband, who predeceased her by almost seventeen years, came into the church through the Hinrichsen mission at Hampton, and there together they enjoyed the fellowship of the church. For brief periods they met with the churches at Thornbury and Preston, eventually becoming foundation members of the church at Reservoir. Mrs. Iles gave long and valuable service to the church, being a delegate at Women's Conference meetings for many years, assisting in the work of the Dorcas Society until her death, and being most faithful to her obligations to her own local church. Though far from well for a considerable time, she was always present at the Lord's Table and was an inspiration to her fellow-members. With everything in readiness for going to worship on a beautiful Lord's Day morning, our sister was in her garden when the Voice called. She will be missed greatly for her many deeds of kindness and of love. Her daughter (Mrs. Coxhill, East Preston church), with her husband and family, are commended to the grace of God in sure and certain hope of the resurrection.—F. B. Alcorn.

Albert Newham.

On Sept. 25, 1962, after 12 hours in Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne, Albert Newham passed away peacefully. Mr. Newham confessed his faith in Christ at the Kellems mission in Melbourne, and linked up with the church at Burnley, Vic. He served over the years as B.S. supt. and deacon. Mr. Newham only retired from work some nine months before his death, although he was in his 78th year. During recent years he has been associated with the church at Ormond and the writer conducted the funeral services at the parlor and Springvale Crematorium. Our brother had a real faith in Christ, and was confident about, and looking forward to, going "Home" just a few hours before he died. We extend Christian love and sympathy to Mrs. Newham, Clarrie and Emily, Cyril and Dulcie (Mrs. Ritchie), and to other relatives. Truly we can say of our late brother, "He has fought the good fight, he has finished the course, he has kept the faith." The Scriptural

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Rosina Blanche Freebairn.

On Sept. 24, the church at Owen, S.A., was saddened by the passing of Mrs. Freebairn, after a brief period in the Hamley Bridge Hospital. Born March 18, 1875, she confessed her faith in Christ at the Dalkey church 73 years ago. Her membership was later transferred to Alma, and when this church closed she transferred back to Owen. Although, because of her failing health, and total blindness in recent years, she was not able to attend church, her faith in her Lord was constant right to the end. She proved her love for Christ by devoting her life to motherhood and the Church. Her wonderful Christian character was revealed through her gracious personality and her kindly thoughts and concern for others. All who knew her are the richer for it and are greatly saddened by her passing. The funeral services at the Owen church and the Hamley Bridge Cemetery were conducted by the writer. Friends and relatives came from far and near to pay tribute. We sorrow with them that mourn at this time, yet rejoice, for we know she has run the straight race and kept the faith and has gone to receive the crown.—C. S. Badcock.

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