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The long-awaited Hobart Federal Conference is now history, and this special issue is devoted to recording many facets of a memorable series of gatherings. The overall impression is that here was a Conference rich in fellowship — not only in the public gatherings and in the social outings, but in the personal encounters between leaders in the various States, both in and out of some very useful and constructive Departmental conferences, called for "spare" times during the main Conference. This is the kind of fellowship which helps to dispel State competitiveness (evident in some comments on the opening business day) and to foster in its place that sense of Federal unity which has already accomplished much for our Australian work, and is full of significance for our future development.

● Total enrolment of delegates for this Conference was 861, but cancellations, etc., brought the number down to 817, which included 11 missionaries and Fraternal Delegates, and the following representation from the States: Tas., 219; S.A. 193; Vic., 169; W.A., 108; N.S.W., 71; Qld., 40; A.C.T., 6. Largest meeting of the series was the combined communion service on the Sunday morning (Oct. 14), with 1,140 present; the evening meeting was only slightly smaller, with an attendance of 1,080. Average attendance for the nine public gatherings was 872, with 710 the smallest meeting of the series.

● Few apart from the official State representatives regularly attended the business sessions of Conference. The reception of reports began on a quiet note on the Thursday, with the drowsy tempo more in keeping with the sudden burst of warm spring weather than

with the importance of some of the subjects under discussion. There was a quickening of interest during later sessions, when Notices of Motion and other business were introduced. Concerning the decision to make *The Australian Christian* "the official National Weekly of Churches of Christ under the responsibility of Federal Conference," one speaker said, "This could be one of the greatest marks of progress we have made."

● There was appreciation of Victoria's decision to withdraw its invitation that the next Federal Conference be held in Melbourne in order to leave Conference free to accept the Queensland invitation that it be held in Brisbane in 1964, thus encouraging the smaller brotherhood in that State. G. V. Haigh is the newly appointed Federal President. The



K. G. Mundy,
Federal President, Hobart Conference.

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Assistant Manager of Qld. Country Traders, Mr. Haigh has served as Secretary, Treasurer and President of the Qld. State Conference, and also as Chairman of the H.M. Committee. He is an elder of the Kedron church, and a man well equipped for this high honor.

● Many appreciative comments were heard concerning the leadership of the Hobart Federal Conference. Ken. G. Mundy as President gave gracious leadership to the meetings, and his service over the past two years was fittingly marked with the presentation of the President's Bible on the closing night of Conference. The Associate Secretaries of the Tasmanian Arrangements Committee (R. J. Boxhall and L. C. Moore) were also honored with presentations. Mr. Boxhall was the "front man" during Conference, presenting the announcements each night in a way that delighted his audience — and it takes an expert to do that! His weather reports (and the exultant note in his voice on the occasions when Hobart was warmer than some other capital cities!) were a highlight of his presentation each night. His references to lost property, including "a blue lady's handbag," "a brown lady's glove," etc., and his announcement that "Mrs. Molloy's grass skirt is available from Mr. Ron McLean" were among the things that kept the people in appropriate good humor just before the offering!

● This was Stanton Wilson's first Conference as Federal Secretary, and his careful attention to detail ensured the smooth running of Conference sessions, with the experienced L. J. Butler doing his usual self-effacing and efficient work as Minute Secretary.

● Valentine Woff's song-leading was a distinct asset to Conference, and the hymn he introduced ("It Is Morning In My Heart") was immediately popular. The choir under Neil F. Monson sang every night (twice on two occasions), as well as on Sunday morning, and deserved the comment of H. J. Patterson that he had never heard a better choir of its size. Solos were sung by Mrs. M. Alderton, Mrs. D. Davis, Miss Jean Milne and G. Colbeck; a duet by Mrs. Davis and Mr. Monson; and an item by the Ladies' Choral Group. Mr. Monson and Miss G. Dixon were efficient organists.

● The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was a happy innovation. Some people — and there were ministers among them! — even clapped the announcement that there would be no sermon on the programme! As chairman, A. D. Pyne was relaxed and cheerful in introducing what he called "an international programme" — in-

cluding duets by Sumant Hiwale and Barnabas Bhonsle (India) and Samuel Buli and Japheth Karai (New Hebrides) and a solo from our Aboriginal minister, Sonny Graham. Miss Dawn Chivell gave a recital and the Hobart Junior Choir sang. A drama, entitled *The Return of Uncle Joe*, especially written for the occasion by R. V. Longthorp, was presented by a dramatic group from our Maryborough (Vic.) church, completing a delightful programme.

● A "Federal Focus" was presented at five of the night meetings by S. H. Wilson (Fed. Home Evangelism), J. K. Robinson (Aborigines Missions), R. S. A. McLean (Overseas Missions), E. L. Williams (Federal College of the Bible) and V. C. Stafford (Fed. Board of Christian Education). In these ten-minute talks much valuable information was shared.

● All devotional sessions prior to business discussions were presented by men not in the full-time ministry and their contributions were appreciated. They were: G. E. Knight (N.S.W.), Dr. Thornley Thomas (W.A.), C. A. Saxby (N.S.W.), E. C. Mauger (S.A.), C. R. Burdeu (Qld.) and D. K. Beiler (S.A.). In the last of these devotional periods, B. Bhonsle sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

● The Departmental Displays in the room behind the stage of the City Hall were of excellent standard, and drew many interested visitors, as did the early evening film screenings at the Town Hall.

● In countless ways, the Hobart people made splendid provision for their guests, and such courtesies as telephones, rest rooms, newspaper table, etc., were appreciated extras to the service so cheerfully given in arranging or providing accommodation, and to all the help so readily available at the Conference office (managed by J. H. Harrison), and through the Tours Convener, Dudley Hemmings.

● Some women delegates made helpful contributions to business discussions. They report a successful Women's Conference on Oct. 10, and we expect to publish a report of that event later.

● The presence of Fraternal Delegates from India and New Zealand, as well as visitors from the New Hebrides and U.S.A., and our own Overseas and Aborigines Missions, added interest to the gatherings.

● Greetings were received from Ira Paternoster and reciprocated. Letters of appreciation were also sent to former Social Service workers, Will H. Clay, M.B.E. and W. C. Roffey.

● H. J. Patterson's comprehensive vote of thanks on the final night included the President and Secretaries (already mentioned), the Treasurer (Max Atwell), the Catering Conveners (Mesd. Holland and Bradshaw), all

involved in music and items (already mentioned), the leaders of the devotional sessions and the Federal Vice-Presidents who presided at public rallies, the Collins-st. church for the use of its buildings, furnishings—and congregation, the Conference Office staff (J. H. Harrison and Huon Byard), the Chief Usher (Cecil Neville) and his many helpers (their arrangements for the communion service were excellent), the officer in charge of the public address system (Don O'Brien) and his helpers, the Floral Decorations Convener (Mrs. Wise) and her staff — they decorated the City Hall, the Town Hall and the Hobart chapel and halls; the Publicity Officer (C. R. Edmunds), the Convener and helpers in the Creche, the official reporter of Conference (C. G. Taylor), the Tours Convener (D. Hemmings), the Reference Committee, the panel of counsellors (led by R. V. Amos), the Displays Convener (Dr. Knight) and helpers, the Equipment Convener (Mr. Boxhall, senr.), speakers at evening rallies (E. T. Hart, A. E. White, E. W. Heard, H. F. Gross, D. H. Smith, F. B. Burt, L. E. Jones and G. R. Stirling), the "Focus" speakers, and the various State Executives, which serve as Liaison Committees of Federal Conference.

APPOINTMENTS FEDERAL CONFERENCE, 1964

President, G. V. Haigh.

Vice-Presidents: R. C. Acland (Qld.), L. E. Wylie (N.S.W.), H. J. Patterson (Vic.), K. G. Mundy (Tas.), I. J. Chivell (S.A.), J. K. Robinson (W.A.).

Qld. Arrangements Committee: L. Brooks, H. Farmer, W. W. McDowell, M. H. A. Pieper, H. Horn, Mesd. A. Finger, E. W. Potter.

Executive: H. J. Patterson (Vic. Vice-Pres.), S. H. Wilson (Sec.), L. J. Butler (Asst. Sec.), R. A. Strongman (Treas.), R. H. Conning, B. F. Huntsman, K. A. Jones, M. C. Moody, E. L. Williams.

SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP, N.S.W.

Eight churches in the Southern suburbs of Sydney combined in a successful Family Camp at the Memorial Youth Centre, Lake Illawarra, N.S.W., on the October holiday weekend. All age groups were covered in the camp, from babes to grandmothers. The theme, *Living in the Will of God*, gave excellent opportunity for study that enriched the soul. Miss Dulcie Oldfield, who leads the "All Age Bible School" project of the Baptist churches, lectured and demonstrated how the all age school can function, even in an all purpose hall or chapel. Films were also used to back the theme.—E. T. Hart.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of Oct. 24, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

An Appreciation. — A. George Saunders (one of our South Australian boys in U.S.A.) has written a tribute to T. J. Gore, "now spending an honored old age in Adelaide." "He has just closed a ministry of fourteen years for one of our finest congregations. He wants to die in harness. He is too earnestly aggressive to be content at rest. It matters not that the eventide of life has come upon him. It finds him still at work—the Grand Old Man among us."

A Federal Evangelist. — The Federal Executive has appealed to every church in the Commonwealth, and apportioned a small sum for each to contribute. The amounts are very moderate, and will not necessitate a great sacrifice for any congregation, but in the aggregate they will total some hundreds of pounds and enable the Executive to enter upon substantial aggressive service by the engagement of a suitable Federal evangelist to develop the work, especially in the States where the cause of primitive Christianity is weak. So far the Federal evangelistic work has been chiefly directed to assisting the uphill but very encouraging cause at Broken Hill. The time has come to render practical aid to our brethren in Tasmania and Queensland.

Personal Pars. — The N.S.W. brethren are most enthusiastic about the coming of H. G. Harward to that State. The H.M. Committee is being bombarded with applications for his services . . . P. D. McCallum has accepted the offer of the Dunedin church to labor with them as assistant evangelist, his special field being Roslyn . . . H. Knott was at the Sydney Preachers' Fraternal on Mon., Oct. 14, making new friendships and renewing old ones.

Items of Interest. — Splendid meetings are being held at Collingwood, Vic., where W. R. Hibbert is now laboring . . . The church at Grote-st., Adelaide, has about £1,000 already promised towards the new building fund. Six confessions have recently been received . . . On Oct. 13, Bro. Mudford commenced his labors as evangelist at Newmarket, Vic., and a tea and public meeting was held on the 16th . . . On Oct. 14 a large number met at Naracoorte, S.A., to tender a farewell social to the evangelist, Theo. Edwards, and his wife. He was presented with a travelling rug and a kit bag, Mrs. Edwards with a lady's hand bag, and the twins with silver brooches . . . Bro. and Sister Wiltshire, farewellled from Stirling East and Aldgate Valley, S.A.

Extracts from Federal Conference addresses on the theme . . .

— "His Church for Our Time" —

In last week's preliminary report from Hobart we included a resume of the opening address by Eric T. Hart (N.S.W.) on the Conference theme. The following excerpts from other messages show how well the chosen speakers developed the various aspects of the theme.

"HIS CHURCH AND OUR HOMES"

A. E. White, B.A. (Oct. 10).

In Mark 3: 13-19, we read that, following Jesus' hillside appointment of the twelve to be his apostles, "he went home" (v. 19 R.S.V.). It makes all the difference in the world when Jesus comes home. What happens between Sundays? The Church goes to work — and comes home, and if Jesus also comes home with us all, there is

1. A new respect for everybody in the home. We seek to share in and encourage the things important to others. Marriage is more than a constitution or a contract — it's an adventure in love and sharing. We must also take time off to share life with our children. A Christian home doesn't just happen. When the Church goes home, Christ goes with it. There is also

2. A unity which nothing can destroy. (In discussing this, Mr. White used possibly the most effective illustration heard during Conference. He humorously described his own experiences in tracing down and mending a roof-top leak in a member's home, and then poignantly contrasted the incident with the call of a girl at his home to tell him that her father had left home some days before, and the family didn't know what they were going to do. Mr. White's comment drove home his point: "We can fix the houses, but who is going to fix the homes?"). When Jesus comes home, there are no longer any boundaries in the home.

But remember, they can never be our homes unless we also make them his.

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"HIS CHURCH ON WORLD FRONTIERS"

E. W. Heard (Oct. 11).

We live in a land which Dr. Douglas Pike has rightly called "The Quiet Continent." We have locked our doors, and we sit here in quiet content. But I have lived on the frontiers where the Church meets an alien culture. Almost half of the world's population live in fear of

educated men in this world and demons in the next. There is on the frontier a rapidly gathering storm. In India almost one-sixth of the world's population live in a land only a little larger than W.A. We Australians eat more food, do less work, play more sport than any other nation in the world — and we do it while others starve.

What is the Church doing? Christians in India are called the people of hope. The Church is the one hope of the world insofar as it is truly the Body of Christ. Yet we have failed to realise the full importance of the doctrine of the Body of Christ. Two grave mistakes are obvious: (1) The multiplicity of Missions. In India alone, there are 367 different Protestant Missions working. (2) The Church continues to be divided. In India, Christian union is an essential issue.

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"HIS CHURCH AND OUR DISTINCTIVE WITNESS"

H. F. Gross, B.A. (Oct. 12).

In our churches' loyalty to the twin poles of unity and restoration, we have made some mistakes, one of which is that we have been too frightened of theology.

For me, there are at least three great principles on which the Biblical case for Christian unity rests:

1. The Biblical doctrine of reconciliation. Who are the true Christians with whom we must be reconciled? There are Christians in other bodies and we know it when we meet them. When we make the effort to get to know the people who worship in other communions, we discover they are just as much guided by the Spirit as we are.

2. This means that by the term "brethren" we include any man, woman or child possessed by the Spirit of Christ.

3. The Church is the Body of Christ. The disunity of the Church is as crippling to the effectiveness of Christ's ministry as the cutting off of an arm or leg would be to us.

We walk a thin line between legitimate pride in our Movement and the settling down into a denominational position.

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"HIS CHURCH LOOKS FORWARD"

D. H. Smith (Oct. 13).

Today we stand among the incomplete, but we believe the end is in

God. In symbol we stand amid the foundations of the Kingdom. The task is before us, and we must take the tools to our hand.

1. The Tool of Thinking. The whole of life is built on a structure of ideas. "Ideas have legs," and if our ideas are shaky, so will be the things we do. Prejudice and bigotry stem from muddy thinking. Our faith must surely be open to clear thinking processes. I would plead for a thinking faith, as against "minds firmly closed and locked, barred and bolted." Christ is the source of all Truth. Use thinking, stamped with integrity and with freedom.

2. The Tool of Service. There is too much that is careless and shabby in our service. Never have we had so many men and women in theological training, yet there is a desperate need for suitable candidates. We must hold before young people the call of God to his ministry. The call is for young people of aptitude, intelligence and devotion. There is a tremendous need for qualified young people to minister in special ways. We shall have to multiply a thousand times or more what we have been doing. Sometimes as you serve you will feel lonely — but Christ is with us. Enduring service is footsore following, not a cavalry charge. The call is to build with Christ.

3. The Tool of Believing. Lean all your weight upon Jesus Christ. Today there are all sorts of things in which we may believe. We must follow the Christ all the way. "He goeth before you."

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"HIS CHURCH COMMISSIONED AND COMMITTED"

F. B. Burt (Oct. 14, a.m.).

What is the whole gospel which the whole Church is commissioned to proclaim to the whole world? Note

1. The Purpose of the Church. Early Christians were called followers of the Way — citizens of the colony of heaven, set down in an alien community, under the authority of Christ, as "God's picked representatives of the new humanity." The purpose of the Church is to provide a channel through which God can declare his love to the world.

2. The Mission of the Church.

(1) To preach the gospel is God's own appointed way to save those who believe. The Church's most urgent task is to confront men with the Cross of Christ, which is the symbol

of God's annexation of human history.

(2) The Church has an inescapable teaching mission, with the New Testament as its primary text book. As Paul taught his converts what the practical consequences of the acceptance of Christ must be, so should we.

(3) The Church is also called to heal the sick. The New Testament Church was a healing Church, and the healing ministry has not been handed over completely to scientific medicine. Christ's power was most clearly demonstrated in the early Church's healing ministry. There is still power in intercessory prayer. Let the Church lay hold afresh on the healing power of Christ.

(4) To cast out demons was another commission to the Church. We are still haunted by demons of fear, war, etc. When will the whole Church be ready to declare that mankind has reached the point of no return in this matter of peace and war? What of the demon of hunger? Two-thirds of the world's population are in a permanent state of hunger — yet Jesus still says, "Give ye them to eat." What of the demon of racial discrimination? "God is no respecter of persons." The Church is meant to be the most inclusive and open fellowship. "All who will may come." The Cross is still for every man.

Jesus Christ is still the Saviour and Lord of this age, as of all which have gone before. God's charge to us is still to go in and possess the land.



"MILLIONS NOW LIVING . . . AREN'T."

L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D., L.T.C.L.
(Oct. 14, p.m.).

The quality of Jesus' life was such that, when we bring our efforts and compare them with his, we feel we can never again lay claim to be living. But he came that men might have life, and have it more abundantly. He was saying his sort of life could be duplicated in ordinary people. The secret is to be found in baptism — the key, secret and genius to living a life remotely resembling his.

Note three elements in his baptism:

1. His baptism represented decision — finally expressed in an act of commitment. Until we make our response, the life we have is described in the New Testament as death. Baptism means a decision that initiates us into the Christ-life.

2. His baptism involves declaration. At Jesus' baptism, there was the Divine recognition that he was the Son of God. God, for our sake and for our certainty, at our baptism publicly attests that we are his children. "This, my beloved Son" is a word God speaks to every man in his baptism.

God has declared that we belong and we can never forget it, any more than the returned prodigal could forget the father's words, "This my son!"

3. In Jesus' baptism there is also identification. Mark tells us that John the Baptist's baptism was for the remission of sins. Whose sin in Jesus' case? It was an immersion into the human race for the remission of their sins. Who can fathom the full mystery of that? There is for us also an identification in commitment — to go down into the slime of man's need and share man's suffering. Life comes only through immersion into the needy world, and not apart from it.

Baptism is the gateway to life because it represents a decisive commitment, God's declaration and an identified service, which alone can give birth to life everlasting.

Are our hands and our feet baptised hands and feet?



"HIS CHURCH AND HIS CALL"

G. R. Stirling B.A. (Oct. 15).

The Christ who has called us and still calls us in this place is just as available, just as much a source of strength, as in the days of his flesh. The witness of the New Testament is that we are called by a contemporary Christ, not only to live like he says, but also to live in his presence. We've discovered that the Jesus of history is also the Christ of experience. As James Stewart has said to his fellow-preachers, "Get men's eyes open to the real presence of the living Lord."

What sort of people are those called people who live in the presence of the living Lord? When life is most hectic, it is not hard for them to know that Christ is present. Those who have committed themselves to the contemporary Christ and given their all to him, find to their great delight that they have all that really matters, while they constantly receive his power. In an age when many people are finding artificial means of support, looking to their pills instead of to the Psalmist's hills, there are others receiving from the living Christ all that they need for real living.

Those who know the friendship and presence of the living Christ know that quietly, consistently, strength is being given. It's no languid lying on the lawns of Lotusland — he is a Christ who challenges us tremendously. He will disturb us and make us feel uncomfortable. He will give comfort and help, but also the two-sided sword of judgment and challenge. The one thing that will impress the world is if men and women can take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus, and are prepared to go out into all the world,

to scour and scrub and work and live with the living Christ.



Other Addresses

In addition to the messages given at the public rallies, K. D. Horne spoke to a men's gathering on Wed., Oct. 10, on "Get Out Of The Church!", and H. J. Patterson, M.A., to the Ministers' Session on the afternoon of the same day, on "Tomorrow's Minister."

"GET OUT OF THE CHURCH!"

K. D. Horne.

This is the day when the people of the Church must get out of their churches into the places of man's deepest need.

1. It is a sign of the sickness of our times that we only call the work of a minister a "full-time ministry." Christian vocation includes the secular work of every day. For every honest vocation, there might well be an ordination ceremony.

2. A local congregation, because of its limited outlook, may work against the real mission of the Church. The Church must produce citizens who embody the social dynamite of the gospel.

3. The real test of the Church's faith is: "What am I going to do about it?" The work we do can be an expression of our ministry in the service of Jesus Christ. Sometimes it seems that Christians will do anything to make the world Christian except be Christ-like themselves. In a world like this and in times like these, if it's not to Christians, to whom else can God turn?



"TOMORROW'S MINISTER"

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Tomorrow's minister must be a man

1. Encouraging and advocating Christian unity. The world needs Christ presented in one Body. Unless we realise that, we are in danger of being thrust on the side-tracks to rusty impotence.

2. Pleading for restoration — from the point of view of a united Church, united for a purpose. We must work for a Church united in statesmanship — able to look at a world, and not just a local, situation. We need the restoration of a Church united in overcoming its problems and earnestly considerate of all classes of men — we are too middle class now.

3. Restoring the living Word, primarily in his own heart. Christ condemns hypocrisy in the dress of orthodoxy. We must get the Word

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— RESOLUTIONS —

FINANCES.

That Conference approve that the Queensland Conference expenses include an amount of £300 for ongoing commitments budgeted for by the Federal Executive.

SOUTH CANBERRA.

That this Conference approves of the Federal Executive giving Federal Home Evangelism financial support for the establishment of a Church of Christ in South Canberra.

BROKEN HILL.

That, if the Federal Executive considers that the work in Broken Hill, N.S.W., merits Federal Home Evangelism support, it has the approval of Federal Conference to give it assistance, providing the South Australian Home Mission Department can make an equitable arrangement with the N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee to share in responsibility towards Broken Hill, N.S.W.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

That, if the Federal Executive considers a proposal submitted by the Western Australian Home Mission Committee justifies help from Federal Home Evangelism, then the Federal Executive has the approval to assist such a work.

R. H. CONNING.

This Conference expresses its warm appreciation of the diligent and dedicated service of R. H. Conning in his 14 years as Treasurer of Federal Conference, and wishes him to know of the Australian brotherhood's deep sense of indebtedness to him for his keen business ability and eager service in the work of the churches.

FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

That this Conference grants the Federal Board of Christian Education permission to complete, by July 1964, the appeal for £10,000.

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of God back into the home. The restoration of the living Word must come through intelligent preaching, related to life here and to life hereafter. The centre of our faith today has become too earthbound.

4. With a real sense of mission.

5. Prepared to develop the lay apostolate.

6. Developing a real fellowship. We need a fellowship of committed men — committed both to salvation from sin and to the place of prayer in the Church's fellowship.

QUEENSLAND COLLEGE.

In the interests of the Australian brotherhood solidarity and stewardship, this Conference requests the Queensland Conference to think again of the advisability of setting up a third Bible College at this stage of brotherhood development; that Q'ld. Conference be asked, in collaboration with the Federal Executive and the Federal College Board, to try to discover some better way to meet the pressing need of Queensland's smaller churches.

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE.

That, where expedient, succeeding Conferences be held in places other than adjoining States.

FORM OF FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

That, in view of the ever increasing demands upon time at Federal Conference for business, and the evident needs to have as many of our Departmental members as possible present and to take part in discussion and planning, that we request the Federal Executive to give consideration to —

1. That Federal Conference continue to move from State to State as at present, but that this become a great preaching convention to which as many of our people as possible be urged to attend for fellowship, inspiration and witness.

2. That each alternate year the members of every Federal Department, with as many State Departmental members and delegates as possible, meet in a city easy of access in order that business be considered and decisions made. To make this possible a long holiday weekend be selected.

3. That the Executive take this matter up with each State Executive and bring their findings to the 1964 Brisbane Federal Conference.

FEDERAL APPEALS.

That Clause G of the Federal Conference Constitution be deleted and the following substituted:—

G. — NOTICE OF BUSINESS.

1. Subject to Clause 2 below, six weeks' notice in writing shall be given to the Executive setting forth all proposed motions to be brought before Conference and such shall be signed by the proposer. No other business, except as provided for under clause 3 below, shall be considered by Conference.

2. No motion which involves a financial appeal to the churches shall be considered by Conference unless it has been submitted to all State Conference Executives at least three

months prior to Conference and its submission for consideration at Federal Conference has been approved by a majority of State Executives. Such a motion, if carried, shall be implemented in a State whose Executive did not approve it, only with that State Executive's consent.

3. Clause 1 shall not apply to motions on matters referred to in, or arising out of, any report presented to Conference, provided always that a two-thirds majority of representatives agrees to the introduction of such motions.

CONSTITUTION.

That the Federal Constitution (excluding Section G — NOTICE OF BUSINESS, which section has already been dealt with in this session of Federal Conference) as printed in the 1962 Federal Conference Handbook, be adopted, in substitution for the existing Federal Conference Constitution.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN."

1. That The Australian Christian become the official National Weekly of Churches of Christ under the responsibility of Federal Conference.

2. That at next Federal Conference a Board of Management of seven (7) members be appointed on which each State would be invited to have a representative.

3. That the Federal Conference Executive appoint an interim Board of Management with a similar representation.

4. That Federal Conference accept the offer of the Austral Coy. to subsidise promotion of the paper for twelve months on condition that the Austral Coy. continue to be printers and publishers for a minimum period of ten (10) years and that a proper agreement be drawn up between the Federal Conference Executive and the Austral Coy.

5. That the Interim Board, and later the Board elected at Federal Conference, shall appoint the Editor-in-Chief, and in collaboration with each State Executive, appoint its member of the Editorial Panel. The Editor-in-Chief with the Editorial Panel shall formulate the policy of the paper.

6. That the Federal Conference Constitution be amended by the appointment of a Board of Management of The Australian Christian to implement the decisions arrived at.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND.

That Conference endorse alterations to the Constitution and Regulations

of the Preachers' Provident Fund, which have been approved by the Federal Conference Executive, so that the fund qualifies for exemption from Income Tax as a Superannuation Fund.

WAR.

This Conference re-affirms its conviction that war is contrary to the mind and spirit of Christ and futile as a means of settling international disputes. Conference affirms:—

- (a) That Christ, the Prince of Peace, proclaimed the worth of human personality apart from race, nationality or social class; and
- (b) That freedom and justice are the right of all and the denial of these anywhere in the world is a potent cause of war.

Conference therefore urges the Federal Government to do all in its power to ensure wider recognition of these basic rights and to encourage peaceful international negotiations as a means of settling disputes.

DANGERS OF ALCOHOL.

This Conference, whilst appreciating that there is an expenditure of time and money by Governments relative to the problem of alcoholism, expresses its concern at the growth of this problem throughout the Commonwealth, and urges all Governments to make additional finance available to increase facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics; and also to promote educational programmes among young people that they may be aware of the many dangers of alcohol consumption and especially its inherent tendency to alcoholism.

In view of their harmful effects, which stem from the liquor traffic, Conference further urges Governments to put public welfare before revenue and to legislate to restrict the advertising of alcoholic beverages and to limit the availability of intoxicants, particularly to young people.

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS.

This Conference regards with the greatest concern the continued sale of obscene publications, despite the fact that their importation and production are subject to censorship.

In view of their harmful effects Conference strongly urges all Governments to do everything possible to increase the means of eliminating such publications.

SMOKING.

In view of the alarming incidence of lung cancer, declared by medical authorities to be in large measure related to smoking, this Conference urges all Governments to:—

- (a) Restrict all forms of tobacco advertising;

- (b) Implement or introduce laws which provide penalties for illegal sales of tobacco; and

- (c) Introduce into State Schools lessons on the dangers of smoking.

NUCLEAR TESTING.

This Conference, viewing with alarm the continued build-up, in East and West, of nuclear armaments, condemns nuclear tests which contribute to this end and thus increase the threat of the potential destruction of civilisation, and urges the Federal Government to work through every possible channel, including the United Nations, to bring about the cessation of such tests.

GOVERNMENTAL AID TO DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

This Conference, whilst admitting the right of denominations to conduct their own schools, emphatically opposes any form of Governmental aid to such schools, believing that the State Education System should be maintained, and that such State aid to church schools would foster sectarian divisions to the ultimate detriment of all sections of community life.

ASIAN IMMIGRATION.

This Conference urges the Federal Government, in the interests of world understanding and of amicable relations with Asian neighbors, to remove all discrimination based on race, color, and national origin, in relation to Immigration, and to consider simply education, technical skill, employment opportunity, character, and such other conditions of admissibility as operate in relation to non-Asian immigrants.

Conference further urges the Federal Government to announce that non-European settlement will be a regular part of Australian immigration policy, its volume and character to be understood in the light of the underlying principles admitted by all nations, of maintaining a reasonable degree of social homogeneity and a reasonable balance of national origins and customs.

JAPANESE WAIFS.

This Conference strongly urges our Federal Government to take appropriate action to meet the needs of children of ex-servicemen in Japan by sponsoring a fund for their care and education, and allowing into Australia those who are free to be adopted, and who can be suitably placed.



George Smith, minister of the church at Subiaco, W.A., has been appointed to succeed Lloyd Cooke (minister-elect, Hobart, Tas.) as director of the Radio Sunday School, a most popular and effective session in W.A. He will be known as "Uncle George."

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

World Community Day, 1962

In a realistic atmosphere with huge palm branches, attractive and meaningful posters, and even a cute little model of a New Guinea house, the One-Day Conference on New Guinea got off to a good start as a large gathering of women enjoyed their morning tea in the C.E.N.E.F. Auditorium on Sept. 28.

An impressive half-hour devotional session was conducted by Commissioner Coutts, during which Mission groups, Government officials, and especially the women of New Guinea were upheld in prayer, and where the truth that love, a language that everyone understands, was shown as the touchstone by which many otherwise insuperable obstacles were overcome.

Never was an audience served by a better informed or more enthusiastic panel of speakers than the eleven introduced by the President, Mrs. D. J. A. Verco. They represented the South Seas Evangelical Mission (Mrs. Finch), the London Missionary Society (Norman Cocks), the Lutheran (Mrs. Stoltz), Presbyterian (Mrs. Lesley), Baptist (Mrs. Anderson), Anglican (Miss Mitchell), Methodist (Mrs. Hazel Jones), Salvation Army (Mrs. Commissioner Coutts), Churches of Christ (Mrs. Saxby), Missionary Aviation Fellowship (Mrs. Stacey), Bible Society (Miss Cliff). Seldom has so much been said in so short a time by so many—each speaker was limited to six minutes. An overall picture of missionary activity in Papua-New Guinea from 1871 to the present day was given.

After a basket lunch, C. Rowley, M.A. (principal, Australian School of Pacific Administration) explained the primitive nature of society in New Guinea, a society without justice and without money; where men became chiefs by virtue of the number of feasts they could give; where no records were ever kept; where, because of the rugged mountainous terrain, people were forced to live in small isolated groups, and where the law of the jungle ruled.

With the advent of the white man the situation became more confused. The imposition of an outside power was resented and resisted, becoming a basis for tension.

To establish anything in the way of even local government had proved most difficult.

In answer to questions Mr. Rowley suggested that, though chaos could result from the establishment, as suggested, of self-government in two

years' time, it was essential, because of world trends, to have a common roll of whites and blacks based on the principle of one man one vote, that a University College should be established in the Territory, and that a special institution, without entrance qualifications, should be established in Australia where New Guineans could be trained in ways best fitted to help them serve their country.

A vote of thanks, moved by Mrs. Montgomery, ended a most stimulating and challenging Conference.

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OPEN FORUM

PRAYER PARTNERS IN EVANGELISM.

After much prayer and planning, the church at Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic., decided that it would conduct a six weeks' tent mission, commencing Mar. 13, 1963.

Local arrangements are well under way, and we are calling for prayer partners from all over our Australian brotherhood for the ensuing six months.

We are confident that sincere co-operative prayer and faithful preaching of the gospel of Jesus' saving grace will bring a much desired blessing of long standing to the Peel-st. church.

We would welcome hearing from the members of the household of faith.—C. W. Jackel (on behalf of Officers' Board).

WORLDLINESS.

Sincere congratulations and thanks are extended to the recent S.A. State Conference for its courageous stand against dancing on church property.

It was most heartening to read in A.C. of 25/9/62: "... delegates left no illusions as to their attitude, for disapproval was almost completely unanimous."

In an age of compromise and spiritual declension, this stand has given a splendid lead and example to the "fence-sitting" policy of many churches and some Conferences.

It is an encouragement to press on in the deeper things of the Holy Spirit and Christian education in the Scriptural separation from the world.

It's marvellous how the things of the world "grow strangely dim" when Jesus becomes "the joy of living." On the other hand, James exhorts and warns "to keep himself unspotted from the world" and "whosoever will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God." The Church of Christ at Peel-st. has made a like decision — Praise God! It required courage! — C. W. Jackel, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.

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QUESTING

A. E. White.

Church committees are multiplying. Don't you think that the local church is getting over-organised?

My mother used to say that I spent so much time planning my boyhood games that I never had time to play them! If a church is using up all of its resources and enthusiasms before it gets to grips with its tasks, it is a terrible betrayal of stewardship.

It would be possible, of course, for a church to be top-heavy, organisationally speaking. "Too many chiefs and not enough Indians." But I do not know any church that is over-organised. Indeed, this could never happen where the mission of the church is the first and great concern and where the organisation is secondary, designed to fulfil the mission.

The local church has two great tasks. One is to see that nothing vital to Christ and the church is neglected. The other is to ensure that all we do is done well. The two ideals demand organisation.

The so-called functional church organisation is one way of caring for these two tasks. It has much to commend it and your church bookshop has, or will get for you, helpful materials. It marshals, develops, and uses the resources of the church membership. It sets soul-stretching targets for every area of the church's ministry and it stresses the oneness and the wholeness of the church.

Our church organisation of today is admittedly much more complex than our traditionally simple structure. This is not a bad thing. I like to think that it is because we seek to do things decently and in order, and because we are desperately anxious not to fail the Christ in any field of witness and service.

Division of labor is a Scriptural principle, and we need not fear that in forming a committee to care responsibly for a particular area of the church's life, that essential spiritual growth in other directions will suffer. When a social concern committee was organised by the local church at Jerusalem in Acts 6, this organisational development was for the express purpose of promoting evangelism and worship.

No church will be over-organised if its organisation is simply a means to the objective of exalting Christ and serving him.

Next Week: Communion for shut-ins.

(Send Questions to the Editor).

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., OCT. 14. — This Federal Conference Sunday marked a great day's fellowship, with over a thousand present at both morning and evening services in the City Hall, and only slightly fewer at a most enjoyable P.S.A. In the afternoon, Viney Longthorp's drama, *The Return of Uncle Joe*, was well presented by its Maryborough cast. I appreciated the subtle touch when Alexander Campbell led the Apostle Paul off stage, saying, "There are some things I've always wanted to talk to you about" — that sounded like our Alexander! There was some fine preaching at both morning and evening services, and a decision for Christ by the Conference Choir leader's daughter.

MON., OCT. 15. — It took most of the morning to finalise unfinished business in the City Hall, after which Amelia and I did some shopping, etc., and had a most enjoyable afternoon's drive with Noelle McIntyre, one of our Doncaster girls at present nursing in Hobart. It was a perfect afternoon, and the view from Mt. Wellington's peak, with snow still lying around, was breathtakingly lovely. Gordon Stirling was in typical mood for the last address of Conference tonight, and there was a happy climax to a great series of meetings.

TUES., OCT. 16. — Early this morning we joined a bus-load of delegates en route to the Hydro Electric Undertakings. The glorious greens of the countryside and the marvels of man's engineering combined to make it a most interesting day. Later, in a Lindisfarne bus, we met two of our Fremantle friends, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, on their way to Bethany Home.

WED., OCT. 17. — We said farewells to the Davis family, who had given us such magnificent hospitality, and flew home to Melbourne in a plane that contained a number of other returning delegates. After lunch with the Gil Tullys, we settled back home — though I soon had to get the typewriter out and start working.

THURS., OCT. 18. — After a day's steady tapping on the typewriter, I managed to finalise the Federal Conference report, pay a visit to the Austral office and check on my waiting correspondence, and then attend the Home Mission Dept. meeting.

FRI., OCT. 19. — A visit to our ladies' Annual Fete followed a full day on the Christian.

SAT., OCT. 20. — I've been thinking of Mr. Hiwale's statement at Federal Conference that there is only one minister for every seven congregations in India. Everywhere, the need for trained leaders grows more urgent.

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The Editor appreciates the co-operation of J. D. Boneham and members of his Austral staff in finalising copy for last week's issue in the absence of himself and the Austral Manager (A. R. Haskell) at Federal Conference.

Maylands church, W.A., has arranged for P. Shannon to conduct an interim ministry during the time between the departure of L. G. Cooke for Hobart, Tas., and arrival of R. Ellis, from N.S.W.

The gesture of Coles, Hobart, in keeping their cafeteria open to provide tea facilities for Federal Conference visitors was a courtesy gratefully acknowledged by K. G. Mundy (Federal President) at the tea session on Mon., Oct. 15. Lunch-time and weekend meals were catered for by another firm at the Town Hall.

The church at Coburg, Vic., has released its minister, F. Rees, for three months, at the request of the Social Service Dept., to act as Chaplain of the migrant ship Fairsky, leaving England on Dec. 9. C. Latimer will conduct an interim ministry during Mr. Rees' absence.

J. B. Baker, whose appointment as full-time Hospital Chaplain to the Royal Adelaide Hospital was strongly endorsed by the recent South Australian Conference of Churches of Christ, is expected to commence his duties in the new year, at the close of his much appreciated ministry with the church at Flinders Park.

C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.) Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. Devotions: Mrs. V. Morrison. Federal Conference Echoes will be presented—E. M. Rankine, Sec.

"This Is The Life"

BEADLE - HINCE MISSION,
Malvern, Vic.

Some eighteen months ago, the officers of the Malvern-Caulfield (Vic.) church considered that the church was not progressing as it should.

G. J. Crossman was called to the pastorate and quickly instilled a feeling of getting things done. Increased activities took place in all auxiliaries, and the officers appointed an Evangelism Committee, consisting of G. J. Crossman, M. C. Moody and A. H. C. Pfeifer, to draw up a Three Year Plan for the forward move of the church.

One of the suggestions made was for a fortnight's mission to the church, with Ross Beadle of Beverly Hills, N.S.W., as the missionary. Preparations were made and plans prepared. Many prayerful meetings were held by the Evangelism Committee and as the time drew close, L. Finger was co-opted as Prayer Convener. Each member was asked to pray for the mission at mid-day each day, and later, evenings of prayer were held in the church on Saturday nights.

During the week prior to the mission, a team of church visitors met at the chapel for tea and instruction, after which they set out visiting a number of contacts who had some connection with the church. Others prayed at chapel and at their homes.

The response to the visiting was very heartening. Out of 33 people contacted, two decisions, three restorations, and 10 undecided prepared the way for a successful mission.

At the pre-mission prayer meeting on the Saturday prior to the commencement of the mission, 20 actually took part.

Hugh Hince (Thornbury) was engaged as song leader, and A. H. C. Pfeifer arranged soloists for each night.

The missionary was introduced to the church on the morning of Sept. 23. Truly Ross Beadle proved to be a "Man of God" with his simple, satisfying, spiritual and soul-searching addresses.

Attendances were more than expected, with 936 attending 18 meetings, an average of 52. Special emphasis was laid on the two youth meetings, and the response was very satisfying — 87 attended on Show Night and 77 on Sat., Oct. 6. Two midweek afternoon meetings for the ladies were not as well attended as expected.

What of the results? Taken literally they do not appear very large — only one decision and three restorations. But what of the spiritual uplift given to the members of the church, and the many seeds sown in the hearts of those who attended without making their decision? It must be remembered that this was primarily a teaching mission to the church, and thanks to the over-riding power of the Holy Spirit of God, the church received great blessing.

Opportunity was taken on the final night to make presentations to Ross Beadle (missionary), Hugh Hince (song leader) and Roger Ratten (organist).

The success of the mission is also due in no small manner to the dedicated and sanctified help received from the 23 soloists and instrumentalists who delightfully rendered their messages of the gospel in song each night. Thanks are also due to Suttons Pty. Ltd., for the loan of a Wurlitzer organ for use during the mission; also to those organists who took over when Roger Ratten was unable to be in attendance.

It is felt that the church will now go forward, more spiritually minded and more able to serve our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, in the way he has commanded us. — A. Pfeifer.

Mrs. Muriel Stafford, President of the C.W.F. of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania, reviews — Provocative Pamphlet No. 91.

WOMAN TO WOMAN EVANGELISM

by Beryl Amos.

This pamphlet is designed to inform readers of the most recent development in the programme of the Christian Women's Fellowship in Victoria and Tasmania.

In the first section there is given a brief history of how the campaign for Woman to Woman evangelism came into being.

Secondly, the case for evangelism is presented, especially as it concerns women. This section is not so much for information as for challenge, and deals with the value of evangelism, and the role women have played, and can still play, in its presentation.

Some of the material used here is the substance of the address given by Mrs. Amos on the occasion of the launching of the campaign at Blackburn (Vic.) chapel, Nov. 11, 1961.

The third section gives practical suggestions for the planning and carrying out of a campaign in a local church.

The aims of this movement are summed up thus:—

1. To present the gospel of Jesus Christ to women who do not know him.
2. To present the claims of Jesus Christ afresh to women who have already accepted him as Saviour.

Its nature is stated as being "an on-going movement within the framework of the Christian Women's Fellowship, which can only be effectively put into action by a campaign initiated in the local church, by the women of the church, aided by visiting women in whatever way the local church chooses to express its programme."

(This pamphlet, priced 1/-, may be had from The Austral Bookroom, or the Federal Literature Committee, 217 Lonsdale-St., Melb.).



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Ray Veal, newly appointed missionary to India, presents a great and moving challenge:

India Bracing Against the Winds of Change

As we stepped from the *Orcades* on to Indian terra firma on May 26, the scene before us brought back the words of Kipling, "All castes and kinds of men move here." The novelty and the excitement of being in a new country was soon submerged beneath an undulating sea of humanity. Here, in Bombay, we saw a representative gathering of India's 400 million people. To be honest, I would have to confess that these vivid first impressions caused a few moments of crisis in my heart as I asked myself, can I love souls that are buried beneath so much filth and disease? But a little later, as Edna Vawser (who so obviously loves and has identified herself with the people) led us through the swollen mass of humanity in the streets, and as we stepped over sleeping forms on the side-walk, was it Christ who spoke to us and said, "Have compassion?"

Throughout India, streets teem with ragged peasants; mud hovels dot every road; cattle and water buffalo roam the countryside. Sari-clad women balancing gleaming water pots on their heads, and turbaned farmers following their oxen ploughs, give the East a true Biblical flavor. Or as one writer has said, "Viewed from the top of any building on market day, the crowded streets look like never-ending beds of animated sweet peas." Everywhere, the inhabitants of India's half million slumbering villages seem to reach out pathetic hands in search of "food, family, friendship and freedom."

Despite all that calls forth compassion, there is much that leaves one with a smile. It is amusing to hear brakes screech and to see buses swerve and cars grind to a halt while some cow ambles unconcernedly along, crossing with complete safety where moments before pedestrians gambled with their lives. But even a smile is quickly inverted if one is called upon to drive among India's 200 million cattle. Driving can be quite an ordeal until one learns the psychology of the Indian road; that you don't pass in front of a water buffalo, but that you do pass in front of a cow, that

pedestrians do jump at the sound of your horn, but not until you've almost run them down, that buses do politely move aside, but that trucks don't move at all, not even for each other.

But what is the spiritual forecast for India? In India the "winds of change" are blowing, sometimes gently, sometimes fiercely, always unpredictable. It is difficult to give an accurate forecast. What is true of one area or caste, may be anything but true of another area or caste. One can only describe what he sees through one small window. But some things we do know, and at these things we can look for information on India's spiritual climate. Hindu, Moslem, Christian and Sikh are the four main segments of India's population. Some effort has been made to unite the opposing religions. The Sikhs, for example (6 million in India), began as an effort to bridge the gap between Hinduism and Islam. One would like to feel that the Church has resolutely opposed any moves towards a cosmopolitan religion; that the Christians have stood firm as a "chosen generation . . . an holy nation, a peculiar people" shewing forth the praises of him who called them out of darkness into his marvellous light. One would like to report a flourishing church in India with souls being added daily. But here, as everywhere, souls are not easily wooed and won, and Christians are not infallible, or immune to temptation.

One cannot help but wonder how long India's door of opportunity will remain open, with the "winds of change blowing hot across Asia." Who can tell what the next 5 or 10 years will bring? Industrially, India is a potential giant. She has ample coal and iron ore reserves, and is raising steel mills and factories throughout the country. Though her economy is chiefly agricultural, at the end of World War 2 she ranked 10th in industrial output in the world. Now she produces bicycles and aircraft, cars and locomotives, cement and radio isotopes, machine tools and electrical equipment. She is harnessing rivers to generate millions of kilowatts of electricity or to irrigate a million acres of arid land. And yet she has barely scratched the surface of her demand. When Eisenhower was in India in 1960 he said, "All around me I see evidence of India on the march." India is on the march.

Domestically, India's hungry masses yearn for full stomachs — and they care little who gives them food, be it Christian or the Communist. They are hungry. Politically, they have tasted freedom and democracy for some 10 years, but now they face grave aggression on their northern frontiers. Socially, they face tremendous problems. Obscure villages have populations of 2,000 to 3,000. Of the 550,000 villages in India, 80 per cent of the people live in those villages, most without electricity or clean water. The caste system, still strong after 3,000 years, dictates the life and the activities of every orthodox Hindu. Though the traditional barriers of caste are no longer strictly followed, custom dies hard. Unemployment is staggering. Men hanging around aren't just loafing; they have no jobs. In our area famine relief amounts to about 2/6 per day. India's population is on the increase at the rate of 5,000,000 a year, thus cancelling out many of the improvements being made. Government and educational schemes are appreciated by a few select and ambitious souls, but the majority of people prefer to remain in their villages where they multiply like scrub rats in a stagnant world that knows no improvement. Nor do many desire such things, for their religion dictates a couldn't-care-less attitude to the things of this world. It is a grim picture. But such could be the picture of Australia or any Christian country, but for the grace of God.

India, then, has tremendous need and fabulous possibilities. Five hundred years B.C., Buddha preached his first sermon in India, but his teaching has not brought salvation to the land or its people. Today Hinduism is taking on a new dress and is making gallant efforts to hold its people loyal to their faith. Over the fence, Communism, like a panther, is waiting to spring. But over all stands the Son of God, with hands outstretched as wide as the cross, ready to draw all India unto himself. Yes! It was Christ who spoke and said, "Have compassion." Two thousand years ago he saw the need, he had compassion, and He went. And has he not given us an example to follow? No offering could be too small for India. One less milkshake, and you could almost provide a man with his daily wage. The crusts on the side of your plate would bring tears of joy to a starving Indian family. Nor is any offering too great. India needs food, tons of it; she needs money, mints of it; she needs wells, thousands of them. But her greatest need, and your greatest ministry, is — intercession. Pray intelligently for India, for the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," even to the saving of a nation.



INTERSTATE-CHURCH-NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. P. Stephens, Hurstville, N.S.W.
Miss Eril Macnamara, Ringwood Vic.

Geoffrey and Allan Baker, Peter Bullen, Croydon, Vic.

Brian Dixon, Caulfield, Vic.

Janice Lloyd, Robert Bridgewater, Graham Ashton, Beverley, S.A.

P. Furness, Maylands, W.A.

Rachel Holt, Malcolm Watson, Wambo-16 Mile, Qld.

Pam Hibburt, Chelsea, Vic.

Robert Michael, North Perth, W.A.

Gwen Cannon, Gwen Beeson, Mrs. Beeson, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Bayliss, Nola Althorpe, Julie Smith, Jennifer Carter, Valmae Blechynden, Jim and Glyn Corboy, Subiaco, W.A.

Miss J. Johnston, Malvern, Vic.

Suzanne and Virginia Smith, Jennifer Zander, Cheryl Zerbe, Barbara Lee, Jillian Mirams, Lois Pump, Dianne Williamson, Pamela Tully, Allison Cameron, Denise Tully, Heather Petty, Patricia Wake, Geoffrey Genat and Chris Miller, Doncaster, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. Adcock, Greg. and Geoff. Adcock, N.Z., to Hurstville, N.S.W.

Mrs. Maxwell, from Hartwell; Miss R. Brooks, from Gardenvale, to Caulfield, Vic.

Miss C. Beckitt, Bunbury to Subiaco, W.A.

Marriage

Denise Hampton to Laurie Mackinnon, Maidstone, Vic.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Subiaco (G. Smith). — B.S. anniversary conducted by K. Bray, with speakers G. Wood and G. Smith. Programme included prizegiving pageant, *Christ the Conqueror*; kinder and Cradle Roll pageant, *Noah's Ark*; speaker, Mrs. D. Bennett. Salvation

Army young songsters entertained in fellowship hall. P.S.A. for senior citizens arranged by youth of church largely attended. Miss Evan left for Carnarvon to assist for 2 months as cook. Mrs. Vincent was adjudicator at lively debate by C.W.F. Eleven received by baptism and one by transfer.

Maylands (L. G. Cooke). — B.S. anniversary services were well supported by parents and members. Visiting speaker during month was J. Hunting (J.E.W.). Cradle Roll luncheon, Oct. 11, was attended by 35 mothers. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Cooke and Mr. Willesea in loss of fathers. Church welcomes back R. Jones from Port Hedland.

North Perth (J. K. Robinson). — Special membership gatherings, Sept. 23; a.m. service attended by 101. Features included welcoming of 12 new members by transfer from sister churches and dedication of new pulpit donated by C.W.F. Well attended gospel service witnessed one baptism. Mrs. Galloway (Vic.) and Mr. Michael, snr., are visitors to services. Mrs. K. Roberts has been in hospital. Speakers at services have been Messrs. Wilkins (B. & F. B. S.), M. Lindsay, Heyhoe, M. Bell. B.S. anniversary well attended. Speakers were Mrs. Kidd and G. Ewers. Children's tea and demonstration was successful. C.M.S. has painted kinder furniture.

Corrigin. — Since close D. R. Stirling's interim ministry, visiting speakers have been G. Yeats, E. Wortlehook, H. Vawser, D. Willis, C. Hogben, D. Manning, whose messages and addresses have been enjoyed and appreciated. On Sept. 16, all church members travelled to Mukinbudin to Conference of Associated Churches in Eastern Wheatbelt, where reports on church happenings were read and accepted. B.S. picnic Oct. 16, on P. Cosh's farm, with full afternoon's programme of sports and games. Visitors from Corrigin and Mukinbudin were present. Mrs. Middleton, snr., in Royal Perth Hospital suffering from fractured hip.

QUEENSLAND

Wambo-16 Mile Creek (D. Norling). — Meetings well attended. Two confessions and baptisms. Church glad to have fellowship with Sis. I. Flett and H. Holt. Minister visited Warwick for weekend during their time without preacher. Gospel service held once a month at Kogan. J.C.E. held debate evening with Chinchilla society.

Church has received with regret the resignation of D. Norling, who has accepted a call to N.S.W.

Mackay (S. W. Vanham). — Numerous activities have kept church busy — public meeting of Wycliffe Bible Institute, in chapel, addressed by Dr. Lithgow. Informative address on liquor trade was given to appreciative audience by Mr. Fitzroy (Temperance League). Minister was guest speaker at W.C.T.U. children's tea and concert, held in Methodist school hall. Combined Y.P. rally, held in Baptist chapel, to discuss forming a bi-monthly rally of all local C.Y.F. Morris and Levitt mission resulted in 24 first decisions and 33 reconsecrations. Good attendance at B.S. anniversary, Oct. 7. Illustrated address given by D. Walters (O.A.C.). Interesting demonstration on Tuesday evening to appreciative congregation. Membership increasing in B.S., C.Y.F. and J.C.E. Interest maintained in Y.W.L. Church members supporting all meetings.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Hurstville (J. Main). — G.L.B. presented play very successfully at Enmore, also held dedication service a.m., Oct. 7. Crowded school hall for both services of B.S. anniversary, 14th. C.W.E.F. visited Newington Hospital. Men's bowls evenings very successful; many contacts being made. Shoppers' service held 3rd Friday of every month at 11 a.m. Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Gerrett on attaining ages of 90 and 87. Good attendances being maintained. Welcome home to Mrs. Edwards and Ella, also Mr. and Mrs. Bolin, who have been overseas.

Taree (V. T. Parker). — Planned Giving Campaign launched Sept. 30 calls for praise and thanksgiving. Approx. 90 per cent of those approached made pledges, and increase in giving is reckoned to be 82 per cent. Apart from financial side, counsellors, hostesses, as well as members visited have been blessed and encouraged. B.S. anniversary held Oct. 7. Afternoon speaker was J. Nesbitt, local signwriter and artist, who gave messages and sketches on *Doors*. V.T. Parker spoke p.m. Demonstration and prizegiving night 10th, when well balanced programme was presented. B.S. work is excellent, being capably led by devoted band of leaders and teachers. In absence of many Y.P. at district camp, led by V. T. Parker, messages on 14th were given by A. W. Billingham and M. Hodgson (Woolwich).

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). — Recent services were conducted by Woolwich College students and visiting Indians, B. Bhonsle and S. Hiwale. The Indian brethren also joined in B.S. picnic at Lake Albert. One rededication and one first decision by B.S. scholars. Stewardship campaign successful. First offering indicated approx. £80 per week, 50 per cent increase.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Beverley (W. A. Russell). — 78th B.S. anniversary on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 was successful. Speakers were G. Rose, J. Baker, J. Maxted, R. Sansome. Conductor was L. G. Johnson. Prizegiving and social evening held Oct. 3, and travel film was screened. B.S. picnic at Sturt Oval, 8th.

Clovelly Park (J. C. Cunningham). — 9th church anniversary services and special family and G.L.B. cadet enrolment service held. K. A. Jones (C.O.B.) spoke to C.E. C.Y.F. held discussion evening on Christians' Use of Sunday. B.S. picnic held Labor Day. Midweek and pre-gospel service prayer meetings proving to be spiritual powerhouse for those attending. Youth service and singsong well supported.

Fullarton (M. D. Williams). — 24 Y.P., under leadership of minister, went to Longwood Camp over holiday weekend. J. E. Webb spoke at local services. Ladies' Guild held a spring fair in church yard, Oct. 13; total proceeds, £253, will be devoted to payment of new seating in chapel.

North Adelaide (B. W. Manning). — Church members cheered and helped by recovery of their preacher and answers to prayer. Preachers, missionaries and others have helped to maintain interest in work. J. E. Webb kindly officiated at a wedding recently.

Grote-st., Adelaide (L. E. Jones, B.A., B.D.). — Continued good attendances at all services. N. Kingston and H. R. Taylor preached Oct. 14. B.S. held annual picnic at Houghton, 8th. C.W.F. visited Christian Rest Home and entertained inmates to social evening, with supper, on 16th. Sick members progressing. Mrs. Goedecke has resumed activities after illness. Youth work still encouraging, with good attendances at C.Y.F.

Milang (W. J. Philp). — Gift of communion table from church family greatly appreciated. Team of Y.P.C.E. from Strathalbyn conducted a gospel service. B.S. anniversary enjoyed; children sang well under baton of G. H. Wilson; R. Saunders (Goolwa-Mt. Compass) guest speaker. Members enjoying fellowship with Con-

gregational folk during centenary celebrations.

VICTORIA

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — H. Sedgeman a.m. speaker, Sept. 23. B.S. anniversary commenced 30th, when Brig. Young (S.A.) spoke in afternoon, and John Birt at night. Anniversary continued Oct. 7, when Cradle Roll cards and kinder. prizes were presented at afternoon service. A. B. Withers speaker at night. Excellent singing, under leadership of John McDonald (Rosanna Bapt.). Attendances at all services very good. Under 13 cricket team has been formed to play on Saturday mornings.

Belmont (M. D. Hamilton). — Sept. 16, B.S. attended March of Witness and indoor demonstration conducted by B. & F. B. S. 18th, ladies attended combined meeting at Latrobe Terrace church to hear Miss Janet Hunting. Oct. 3, Ladies' Guild enjoyed picnic lunch at Eastern Beach, then proceeded to Botanical Gardens for tour of inspection with Mr. Vafiopoulous. Same members attended combined meeting at Latrobe Terrace to hear B. Bhonsle and S. P. Hivale. B.S. anniversary services, 7 and 14; guest speakers: J. Calder, Chaplain, Geelong West Technical School, R. A. Banks and M. D. Hamilton. C.E. have been having studies on the denominations. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Stronach have been on sick list.

Caulfield (R. C. Dixon). — C.W.E.F. 9th birthday Oct. 4, when 117 attended enjoyable evening. Items given by Mrs. Grenfell, Miss Jean Milne, Miss Skuse; speaker, Mrs. Youens. Y.P.C.E. held tea for Asian students, Sept. 30. Special effort made, Oct. 7, to attract Y.P., R. Branton (Richmond football club), Ken Fraser (Essendon football club) and Balu Bhonsle (Indian evangelist) being speakers, followed by supper, when items were provided by Y.P. Attendance almost 100.

Colac (B. Dowsett). — Church enjoyed visit from C.E. Flying Squad, each one taking part in song and sermon. Young lady baptised and received into fellowship. On Sept. 30, church was host with other churches in Colac in combined service in Colac Town Hall. C. Candy (East Kew) was speaker. Mrs. Dowsett (Adelaide) visitor, 7th. Two Y.P. decided for Christ. Over £10 was given to Social Service offering.

Ormond (R. McKenzie, B.A.). — B.S. anniversary services concluded Sept. 30. Parents and friends interested in display of children's work and study material. During first week in Oct. minister conducted day teaching mission in chapel. Six Y.P. attended

C.E. camp at Hall's Gap. P.B.P. and K.S.P. did well at Bible reading competitions, Phis taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings; Kappas equal 1st and 3rd. Ladies beginning prayer meetings for Woman to Woman evangelism.

Springvale (J. G. Shaw). — C.W.A.F., in conjunction with their primary aim to support Missions, have made outstanding contributions through their ability as a wedding catering group. Young men have entered cricket team in District comp. C.M.S. held "pick a box" night, Sept. 28. Fellowship tea, 29th, well attended, as was also p.m. service, at which film, *Shadow of the Boomerang*, was screened.

Sunshine (B. F. Goldsteen). — B.S. anniversary services held Sept. 30, Oct. 7. Children's singing, under leadership of John Smith, with musical accompaniment provided by Miss V. Cordy and R. Cordy. Feature of services was school "open day," at which parents inspected school in operation.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — B.S. anniversary, Oct. 7 and 14. Speakers were W. Newham, J. Dow, L. Brooker, C. Thomas. Large attendances at all services. Singing was led by Roger and Leigh Ratten. Young lady welcomed into fellowship through faith and baptism, 14th. Mrs. Davis has left for Qld., and was farewelled with regret by church.

Portland (A. C. Male). — Church commenced *Our Partnership with God* programme for purpose of raising attendances and finances in an aim to bring "every man perfect in Christ" through worship, study and giving. A possible master plan for the church is being issued. In Sept., C.W.F. held successful 21st birthday meeting, when representatives from all town auxiliaries were present. Four foundation members attended, including Mrs. A. Rivett, Mrs. F. Warburton, who made the birthday cake, and Mrs. Davies, first sec., and Mrs. Haines, first pres., the latter two lighting the candles and cutting the cake. On Oct. 2, missionary group was visited by Miss A. Draney, who addressed about 35 ladies. H. Cook has been absent through illness.

Maryborough (R. Pritchard). — Primary and kindergarten held anniversary services, Sept. 30, with Mrs. Betty Harris, guest speaker, bringing illustrated talk, *The Lost Sheep*. On Oct. 7, B.S. held anniversary, with excellent singing, under capable leadership of Bev. Drake, with Mrs. R. Walker as pianist; guest speaker was Mr. Graham, from Ballarat. On 14th, C.Y.F. in charge of evening service, A. Kennedy conducting morning service. Minister and number of members attended Federal Conference to

present play, *The Return of Uncle Joe*, at P.S.A. Mrs. G. Davies, snr., is in hospital.

Croydon (W. J. Thomson). — Three young men welcomed into fellowship of church, Oct. 7. B.S. anniversary held Oct. 7 and 14. Mrs. Fullarton was speaker on afternoon of 7th. Minister gave message p.m., when 24 Y.P. made their decisions. Special singing by scholars under leadership of P. Jordon (Boronia). Speakers on 14th were H. Prime (Bayswater) and J. E. Brooke (Ringwood). Two decisions p.m. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Baker on passing of her brother. C.W.A.F. attended birthday meeting of Methodist Ladies' Guild. C.W.E.F. enjoyed progressive supper illustrating our Mission fields. Prayer meetings still continuing to be held in members' homes, with good attendances.

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — Av. B.B., 74, p.m., 46. Six members attended Monbulk Camp to assist in working bee. B.S. anniversary held Oct. 7, with J. Henley and R. Beadle as speakers. Good congregations heard children sing and saw prizes distributed. Much blessing received from two weeks of mission, *This is the Life*, with R. Beadle.

Ringwood (J. E. Brooke). — Guest preacher, Sept. 23, a.m., was W. J. Lantz (U.S.A.), who spoke on adult education. On Oct. 2, 22 local men met with visitors from C.M.S. Central Executive to reorganise men's work after recess. Enthusiastic support pledged and new officers elected: pres., L. Moulynox; sec., W. Arrow-smith; treas., R. Boucher; E. Scott, C. Mott. Church annual business meeting 8th. Officers elected: elders, J. Baker, J. Rankin, A. O. S. Baker; deacons: J. Hodgson, N. Sonsie, G. Thomas, P. Williams, R. Moore, I. Dickason, C. Mott, treas., I. Harradine; B.S. supt., I. Smith; deaconesses, Mesd. Burden, Cleland, Duffy. Much appreciation expressed to A. Clutterbuck for faithful 4 years of service as sec., and best wishes for future as he moves to Sydney. Appreciation also expressed to Mrs. Clutterbuck (kindergarten supt.) and Rodney (B.S. treas.), and for whole family for way in which they have freely used their home in various interests of church. B.S. presented splendid programme at anniversary concert to capacity audience, with proceeds approx. £26. B.S. contributory scheme to support Indian girl (Minaxi Jadhav) very successful. C.W.A.F. raised £45 in recent street stall. Young lady welcomed into fellowship, Sept. 30, after baptism on 23rd. Miss Margaret Hodgson recovering after surgery. W. F. Nankivell preached p.m., Oct. 14, during minister's absence at Croydon B.S. anniversary. Ron Oldfield has accepted appointment at Sydney University.

BIRTH

RYALL (Weatherley). — On Oct. 15, at "Bethesda," Vic., Rosemary and David welcome with joy the arrival of Peter's little sister — Robin Leanne.

DEATHS

McARTHUR — James. passed away suddenly, Sept. 29, at home, 116 Midson-rd., Epping, N.S.W., loved husband of Annie, father of Donald, Malcolm, Mary (Mrs. Kennedy). "Forever with the Lord."

JUDD — Ellen Frances, on Oct. 12, at Beechworth, Vic., dearly loved wife of Jesse William Judd (dec.), mother of Holley (Mrs. Rowland Thomas. Wangaratta) and Pte. Sister Judd (missing Rabaul, 1943), nanna of Malcolm, Darrol and Neville. Laid to rest in Swan Hill Cemetery.

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ENGAGEMENTS

HERON - CORLETT. — Mr. and Mrs. D. A. J. Heron, 44 Hillside-pde., Glen Iris, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dianne Louise, to Stephen Arthur, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Corlett, 61 Renwick-st., Glen Iris, Vic.

CARSLAKE - WARMBRUNN. — Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carslake, Morawa, Western Australia, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Helen Joy, to Clifford Edmund, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Warmbrunn, Balwyn, Vic.

GOLDEN WEDDING

CAIRNCROSS - PRITCHARD. — The family of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cairncross announce, with pleasure and gratitude, the golden wedding anniversary of their parents, which was celebrated at Brighton, Vic., on Oct. 23, 1912, by Mr. Manifold.

THANKS

As cards and letters are too numerous to answer personally, Mrs. O. M. Stubbin and Val., of Boonah, Qld., and Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Winter and family, of Brisbane, wish to sincerely thank all who sent messages of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

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BRUNSWICK (Vic.) 80th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Sun., Oct. 28. 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A. (Conf. Pres.); 1 p.m., Reunion Lunch; 3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon; 7 p.m., Gospel Meeting, R. Burns. Items by Gardiner Football Quartet party. For hospitality phone 38 - 4551.

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HARTWELL (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Nov. 4 and 11. 4th: 11 a.m., H. J. Patterson, M.A.; 3 p.m., K. Turner (Cradle Roll); 7 p.m., Dr. G. Whiting. 11th: 11 a.m., R. V. Longthorp; 3 p.m., A. E. White; 7 p.m., Special service by children: God Speaks to Us. Song-leader: R. Cleland. All welcome.

MITCHAM (Vic.) 32nd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Nov. 4. 3 p.m., P.S.A., speaker, K. A. Jones; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., speaker, E. W. Heard.

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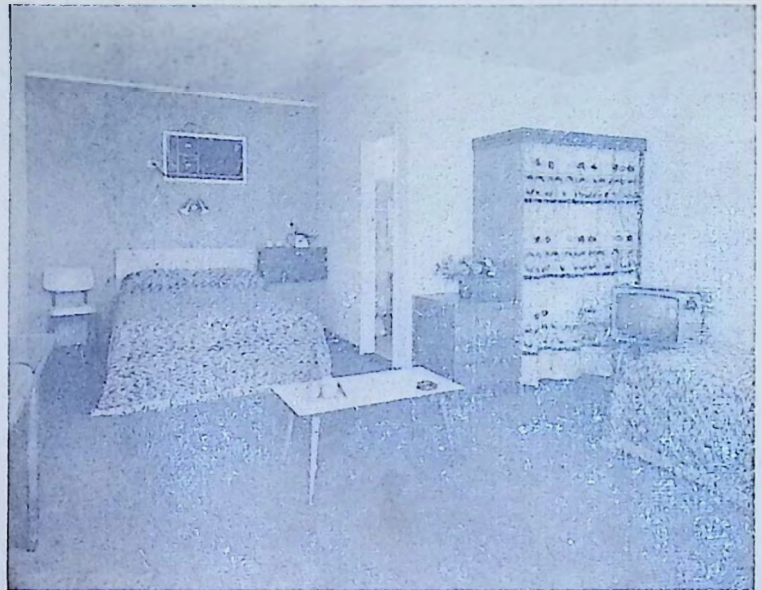
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OBITUARY

Mrs. J. H. Kennett.

The Kaniva (Vic.) Church of Christ shared in the sorrow of J. H. Kennett and family at the death of wife and mother, Mrs. J. H. (Connie) Kennett. Mrs. Kennett was the first woman to be immersed in Kaniva's present chapel. She will be remembered by Castlemaine church as sec. of the Women's Mission Band in 1941-42, and by the members of our Collingwood church, where she was in membership, 1942-45. Mrs. Kennett was known to many for her sacrificial service for others. She shouldered much of the task of caring for her mother during sickness last year, and was a guide and inspiration to Bronwyn and the boys. The church extends its sympathy to Mr. Kennett, John, Colin, Geoff and Bronwyn, as well as to her mother, Mrs. F. S. Thompson, sisters Marjorie and Lila, and brother, Arthur. Her regular sharing in the fellowship of the church is missed by all who meet at Kaniva. The funeral was conducted on June 18 by the writer.—J. W. Way.

F. S. Thompson.

The sudden passing of F. S. Thompson, at the age of 75 years, brought sorrow to the members of the Kaniva (Vic.) Circuit. Mr. Thompson, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his farm at South Lillimur, was associated with the South Lillimur church school and in his later days with the Kaniva church. He lived a quiet life, but is remembered for the many ways in which he helped his brethren, and for his unassuming manner. Mr. Thompson had a deep love for the land, and was a worthy steward of the gifts of God. He is survived by his wife, daughters Marjorie and Lila (Mrs. Henseleit), and son, Arthur. E. G. Thompson, of Kaniva, is his brother, and sisters are Mrs. L. Goodwin (Geelong) and Mrs. G. McLachlan (Ballarat). The funeral was conducted on July 15 at Kaniva by the writer.—J. W. Way.

Miss Emily Baines.

The church at Richmond, Vic., places on record the passing of Miss Emily Baines, at the age of 79 years. Her Home call brought relief from an ailment that lasted 5½ years, during which time she was a patient in the Will H. Clay Nursing Home. It was at the age of 15 years that she gave her life to Christ, during the ministry of the late Thomas Hagger. The passing of the years was to confirm the intensity of her resolve to serve Christ to the best of her ability. In the life of the church, she served as teacher in the kindergarten, leader of youth groups, a choir member, and of her substance gave freely. Sincerity of friendship

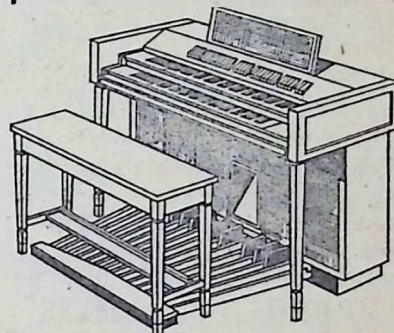
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Ruby Oliver.

One of our much-loved sisters in the person of Mrs. Ruby Oliver (nee Zelius), of Balwyn, Vic., passed to be with her Lord on Monday, Oct. 1. This elect Christian lady, widow of the late Charles Oliver, faithfully served her Saviour for many years. Baptised into Christ at Doncaster on 14/1/1906 by H. D. Smith, she transferred to Lygon-st., Carlton on 3/7/1912, and to Balwyn on 31/10/26, remaining loyal and steadfast until her Home call. Our sister was instrumental in the raising of funds from the sisters of our brotherhood for the support of Indian Bible women over a period of many years, following on a service faithfully performed previously by her mother. Mrs. Oliver was strong in doctrine and trustworthy in judgment, always lovingly helping in the guidance of our ladies' work, a faithful, enthusiastic welcomer at the church door and a fitting companion for her late partner, who served the church at Balwyn as elder. Recently she had been in indifferent health, but remained deeply interested in her Lord's work. After a service held in the Balwyn chapel, her earthly remains were laid to rest in the Box Hill Cemetery, services being conducted by L. F. Barker. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—L. P. Warmbrunn.

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