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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you were to visit Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A., you would be handed a tourist brochure listing the many historical and cultural attractions in this fine American city. Prominent on this list is the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

This magnificent building houses relics and manuscripts of immense value to the people of the Restoration Movement. The building itself is of attractive limestone, and is a fitting tribute to the life and memory of Thos. W. Phillips, millionaire, philanthropist and staunch member of Churches of Christ. Donated by Miss Phillips and the family, it cost an estimated one and a half million dollars.

The exterior of the building gives the immediate impression of age and beauty, though the building is relatively new. The gardens and lawns are delightfully landscaped and well kept. In the front court stands a limestone monument to the Campbells and Barton Stone.

As you pass through the heavy oak doors into the tiled porchway, you are suddenly caught up in the atmosphere and color of the past. Even those indifferent to our churches' early history can not help being involved in the excitement of yesterday.

On the ground floor is situated the museum itself. Here you can pass hours viewing manuscripts, letters and relics of the early Disciples' movement. Several glass communion chal-

ices used in the early 1800's are exhibited, together with such things as Alexander Campbell's personal letters.

The building, which has six floors, built on split levels, is completely air-conditioned, and in the archives de-humidifiers constantly keep away the damaging moisture from precious volumes.



**Disciples' Historical Society
Building.**

It is an enlightening and somewhat thrilling experience to read some of the first volumes of the *Millennial Harbinger* and other publications. However, not only American files are kept, but from every part of the globe where the Restoration Movement exists you will find journals, letters, convention programmes and the like.

You can imagine the pleasure it was for an Australian to read recent

copies of *The Australian Christian*, Convention Programmes and College Magazines.

The building cost the Historical Society nothing, but was the donation of the Phillips family. So that the building will not fall into disrepair should the Society become unfinancial, a special trust fund was established by the family to perpetuate the memorial.

Any student wishing to study there may do so. He will be taken to a special room where he can study as long as he wishes in privacy, with access to all materials. Many of the records have been microfilmed to preserve them.

Woodwork in this memorial building is extremely well done, with attractive panelling giving it an age and dignity befitting such a museum. Throughout the entire building are many magnificent stained-glass windows which give expression either to some phase of our history or some specific conviction held.

As you leave the building you may obtain color slides, photographs or literature about the building and the Historical Society. One pamphlet of considerable value to every church is especially written to assist churches in writing a history of their own congregation.

No church in America possesses such a fine building to house its historical records. It is a fitting tribute to a fine family, but, more than that, it is an inspiring tribute to the men of the past who forged a people out of division and strife. It stands as a silent sentinel of everything we have held dear and a forceful reminder to those in this decade and the decades to come to stay true to God, true to the Bible, and true to the mission of the Church that, through our unity, the world may believe.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the recent Federal Conference, the report of our Historical Society showed a constructive and valuable work being done in gathering and preserving material of historical value to the brotherhood.

C. R. Burdeu (Pres.), W. J. Thomson (Chairman) and K. J. Clinton, B.A., B.D., Dip.R.E. (Sec.-Treas.) head the work of the Society, which now produces a regular Digest under the editorship of Mr. Thomson.

Churches and members are urged to pass on to their State Historians old diaries, minute books and other historically interesting material. Subscriptions to the Society would help a work limited by meagre funds.

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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of Oct. 31, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Women in the Church. — R. G. writes: "Kindly oblige me by answering through the medium of *The Australian Christian* whether it is right or wrong for any brother presiding over the Lord's Table to call on a sister (by name) to lead the church in thanks for either of the emblems." In a reply we may say that, apart altogether from the question of right and wrong, the question of propriety would suggest that it is inadvisable to indulge in a practice that is not recognised as being in accordance with the fitness of things. There is still quite a number of people old-fashioned enough to believe that women should not speak in the church.

Chapel in a Day.—A chapel was built in a day at Port Pirie South, S.A., on Oct. 5. The first arrivals were at the spot at 5 a.m., and at 10.25 p.m., with the whole of the inside lined ready for asbestos, work ceased. Of the total of 130 men, some put in 16 hours' work and some only a few. There were 36 carpenters and 4 ironworkers and 90 handymen, the latter class including preachers, tailors, drapers, clerks, merchants and farmers. The structure is a splendid one made of wood and iron, the front being of weatherboard and the sides and back of iron. It is 50 ft. by 28 ft. 6 ins., with 15 ft. vestries. Calculated to hold 300 people, it is seated with chairs . . . Meanwhile, the church at Guildford, W.A., intends to follow the example of the church at Preston, and build a chapel in a day. Let us remember that Australia is indebted to Bro. Thos. Bagley for starting this kind of work. It will be a source of gratification to him to know that his initial work has led the way for New South Wales, South Australia and now West Australia.

Notes From The Churches. — We hear that W. C. Brooker, of Adelaide, who has been preaching at Queenstown for five or six years, has accepted the unanimous call of the church there to devote the whole of his time to the work, and will do so as soon as he can dispose of his furnishing business . . . Several churches in N.S.W. are either building or about to build. Among these are Narrabri, Tyalgum and Erskineville. Hornsby has under consideration the enlarging of its building, and Hurstville hopes to be able to build in the near future . . . On Tues., Oct. 15, H. E. Knott, M.A., was married to Miss Flower, of Worcester, Mass., U.S.A., Thos. Bagley, of Sydney, performing the ceremony. On the Monday following, the church at Ascot Vale, Vic., gave them a welcome home social.



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Early Experiences

Rosalie Rofe.

Having been here in New Guinea for over three months now, I thought it was about time for me to write concerning my early experiences.

I think I have been very lucky, in that I have already seen all of our stations and have gained an overall picture of the work. School holidays came at a very opportune time, and I was able to go to Chungribu with Dorothy when the canoes went up to bring Margaret, Alan and Barrie back for the Annual Meeting. Before leaving I went up to Pir to spend the weekend with Dorothy. On the way to Pir I was accompanied by Tue, whose child is in the hospital with malnutrition. I asked him how many mountains we had to climb, and even after going over several I was still told that we had to go, go, go, go, and climb three mountains altogether. Later I found that he had taken me the long way round, but at least I saw the whole of the Pir village, and can appreciate the difficulties Rex, Elaine and Dorothy have when looking for carriers and mail boys, etc. It was nice, too, to be able to recognise a few of the faces which I had previously seen in Tung.

We spent the Sunday night at Minung Passage, where we were picked up by Auga on the canoes at about 10 o'clock the next morning. We travelled for about five hours and reached Gwaia, where the motor broke down. Two of the boys went back down the river with an S.O.S. for David at Bunapas, while we set ourselves up for the night in a house boy. The S.D.A. folk there gave a good welcome, and loaded us up with some lovely pawpaws and bananas. David came up the next morning at about 10 o'clock, changed our motor and took us back down to Bunapas to fix the broken one. So instead of being at Chungribu on the Tuesday night, we were even further down the river than when we started. On Wednesday morning, we left Bunapas at 6 o'clock, and managed to reach Bungpela without further mishap. Before Bungpela we caught a muruk, that was having a quiet little swim across the river. The boys had quite a job to catch the thing, and I

think it eventually died by drowning. Anyway, it was a welcome addition to our food supply, which had been very much depleted after two extra days on the river. Leaving Bungpela at five the following morning, we reached Chungribu at 6 o'clock, after walking the last two hours from Kobunka. It was good to see Margaret, Alan and Barrie there. Of course, there was a lot of talking done, and we really enjoyed the fellowship together.

The natives at Chungribu, I found, were all very friendly, and I felt at home with them straight away. Now I am looking forward to going there when I leave Tung. The kiap (Govt. Officer) from Alome was there when we were, and it was interesting to hear his views on various things. He was right behind our work there, and really got onto the people about the airstrip.

The following Monday we left Chungribu for Tung. We arrived at Alegani at about half-past seven, and walked up through the bush, arriving at Tung at about 10 o'clock. When I first arrived here I thought that those who voluntarily walked about at night in the bush needed their heads read or something, but I now find that one alters one's opinions, and joins them. I was very eager to do the walk, and was thankful that I didn't meet any snakes. It was good to see the Tung folk again, especially the children, some of whom were there to meet us at the Passage.

The Annual Meeting was a real joy, especially the service in English on the Wednesday afternoon. It made us realise just how much we value and miss the fellowship of other Christians up here. The Tung people were very quiet and reverent during the service, and were really very interested and impressed by the spirit of the meeting.

School has now returned. On the first day back I had every child waiting for me at a quarter to eight, about two minutes after the garamut was fought. They were very eager to start school again. Their enthusiasm for an early start soon waned, and we are now back to normal. Last Wednesday I found that most of them were acting very querulously, and were not at all keen for me to inspect them. I soon found out the reason. All but about eight had

decided to "beautify" themselves by burning little marks on their skin as was the fashion of their ancestors. There were some quite nasty blisters among them. As a means of curing them of this habit, the broken blisters were liberally washed with acriflavine, and they all appeared on Saturday morning to work in the garden. I don't think they will try it again. In spite of the times when I get cross and the children get cross, I am enjoying the work in the school. It is making me appreciate more and more the schooling I was able to enjoy, and is also making me realise just how much we have to do with these young lives for the Lord while we still have time and opportunity.

The children often talk of Masta McLean, and have even found a face in a crowd in a National Geographic magazine. They seem very eager to collect as much information about Australia as they possibly can. As soon as you mention Australia, they keep quiet and listen.

Some of the older boys are restless at times. The effect of discipline or rather lack of discipline, in their earlier years is now showing fruit in that they find it very hard to settle into the disciplined routine of school life. I sometimes wonder whether they only come to school to avoid paying their taxes, but they assure me that they want to keep coming to get a good education and help the others in the village.

At the moment everyone is still very keen on the Native Council. The amount of work done has been quite staggering. We can now see the other end of the village from the school, as the land has been cleared for a cocoa garden. The bridge over the Tung baret has been finished and the Tung half of the road to the Passage has been kept cleared. Twanimu calls everybody together every night to discuss the following day's work. Earlier in the piece we heard the garamut being fought at about 5 in the morning. Betty went down to the village at about 8 o'clock, and found everyone clearing the ground, cutting grass and cleaning around the church. A couple of the women, one of them an old lapoon, hadn't caught onto the idea of the work, so they had to work calaboose around the Councillor's house. The work that the children do on Friday afternoons is also watched, and lazy children dealt with in the village.

The prayers of folk at home have been very real and encouraging to me since I have been here. What a privilege it is to be working here with these people, who have now become a very great part of my life. The longer I stay, the more I thank God for his gift of salvation and pray that very soon now these folk will really stand out on his side.

Team Returns From Indonesia

Nine of the team of churchmen and women, sent by the Australian churches to Indonesia on a fraternal visit, returned to Sydney on Thursday, Oct. 18. One, Dr. Reg. Walker, a Sydney physician, had returned earlier.

After being interviewed for press, radio and television, they lunched at the national office of the Australian Council of Churches. Then, from 1 p.m. till 4 p.m., they were in conference with members of the A.C.C. staff, the Executive Committee of the A.C.C. and the National Missionary Council.

In the evening the team divided and spoke at four suburban meetings in the metropolitan area of Sydney. The following day those who lived in other States returned to their homes.

The considerable number of really dedicated Indonesian men and women rendering remarkable Christian service was the feature that made the deepest impression on the members of the team. In place after place, said J. M. Stuckey, of Sydney, leader of the team, they found Christian workers doing most devoted work, often with inadequate or even non-existent equipment.

The team recommended that a group of Indonesian Christians be invited to visit Australia, the time for issuing the invitation to be decided by the A.C.C.

"There are points in the work of the Indonesian churches where Australians could be placed so as to make available their special skills which are needed," said Mr. Stuckey. The team has specific recommendations in this respect which would be made to the Australian Council of Churches. It is also recommended that specific actions be taken in Australia to render assistance in each of the outlying regions visited by members of the team.

A gift of a carving of the head of Christ wearing a crown of thorns was received for the A.C.C., and will probably be hung in the meeting room at 511 Kent-st., Sydney, as a reminder of the goodwill of the Indonesian Council of Churches. Another gift was a photographic record of the visit to Java.

The chalices taken from Australia were duly presented. Mr. Stuckey reported how he had presented one to the Synod of the Church of Timor during a service of the Lord's Supper.

A grave shortage of doctors, nurses, hospitals and medical equipment was reported by Dr. R. Walker. He praised the work being done by Christian workers in the ten hospitals he had visited, including some from Australia

and Japan, but especially Dutch workers who still remained. Malnutrition underlies many of the diseases being treated there. A lack of vitamin A, for instance, makes the need for specialists in eye diseases urgent. Tuberculosis is common in some areas. One doctor reported 800 children under 3 years having tuberculosis. She was a Dutch woman who showed a wonderful spirit in everything she did. "The patients loved her because they knew how much she cared," said Dr. Walker.

"Large numbers of people in Indonesia are not getting the medical attention they need, but what impressed me was the fine achievements of the people serving, considering the handicaps under which they worked," said Dr. Walker. "Somehow or other, we have got to help those people."

"Anything I might have contributed to this visit is far outweighed by the great spiritual blessings I have received," said Miss Kathleen George, Almoner of Sydney Public Hospital. She was impressed by the contribution being made by women in joint associations from various social and religious groups. They ran an orphanage, a marriage guidance centre, and other social institutions. She was also impressed by the valuable aid given in social work by the Government, which encouraged local leadership. Christians played a big part in public life, often completely transforming the atmosphere in the hospitals and the places where they rendered service. There was a desperate cry for a senior Australian social worker to help train Indonesian social workers.

In Kalimantan, distances are tremendous, travel extremely difficult, and Christians have special problems and feel cut off from the rest of the Christian world, said Miss George. Missionary work there originated from Switzerland and Germany, and support still comes from those countries. In Kalimantan, 70 per cent of all Government officials are Christian, which is quite out of proportion to the total number of Christians in the population. This is largely because they have a reputation for integrity, she said.

"In youth work, several things stood out," said Miss Diana James, teacher, from Victoria. "Their biggest difficulty is lack of leaders. In areas where good leaders exist, there were excellent youth clubs." "The youth commission of the Indonesian Council of Churches wished to employ one trained leader in each general area," said Miss James. Young people had recently formed a group called

G.A.M.K.I., a united ecumenical youth front, so that a Christian voice may be heard as well as the voice of youth groups of other religions.

"The Student Christian Movement is in my mind the main hope of the Christian youth in Indonesia," said W. Chapman, pharmacist, of Sydney. He was impressed by the vitality of S.C.M. groups in the universities. "From the universities, leaders will come: from the universities Christian leaders can come," he said.

"A Christian youth group in Bali was the most remarkable youth group he had seen in any church in Indonesia," he said. Its activities were genuinely Balinese, and no imitation of Europe or America. He felt strongly the need for more dormitories.

The Deputy President of Indonesia, Dr. Leimena, said the S.C.M. had made an outstanding contribution to the development of the nation, reported R. Lawton, Director of Christian Education, Adelaide. "There is a lack of ministers which seriously handicaps the churches. Each minister is expected to supervise 9 to 12 parishes. Yet he and his family would not be able to live on their stipend if they did not grow food themselves. Many ministers lived in great poverty. Over 600 students are at present being trained for the ministry in the theological colleges, some of which are better than some in Australia," said Mr. Lawton.

"I was greatly heartened to see the great strength of Christians as they attempted to deal with the difficulties of travel, which made the holding of a conference almost impossible," he said.

Dr. Leimena, deputy prime minister, had given the team an interview, and the whole team was impressed by the humility and spirit of Christian service he showed, said Dr. R. Walker. Dr. Leimena said the best years of his life were the 10 years in which he served as a physician, tending the have-nots in a hospital. If he followed his personal feelings, he would be there still, but each man has to serve in the area where he can help the most, he said.

The head of the West Irian Church is a third generation Christian, said Keith Hopper, of Inverell. The church in West Irian was one of the first churches to propose the formation of the Indonesian Council of Churches, and ever since had been treated with honor as one of its founders.

"Wherever two or three of us went, there was One more, and this was very obvious," said Mr. Hopper. "I

have had expressed to me by every Salvation Army group I attended that the coming of the team had made a precious contribution to the work of the Salvation Army there." At Macassar, the governor had said, "The Christians are fanatical"; and while this was an exaggeration, it did indicate their complete dedication. "It was a thrill to us to be with the 80 theological students at prayers in their college and to talk with them," said Mr. Hopper.

"In my report I have written as my primary recommendation the appointment of a travelling agricultural worker," said W. E. Fisher, farmer, from Bordertown Church of Christ, S.A. Seventy per cent of the people of Indonesia are farmers, so any report on such a visit as ours must include a report on agriculture. Animal husbandry is primitive, he said. Indonesia imports about 600,000 tons of rice, and the need for expert guid-

ance to increase food production is extremely great, he said.

"The Church we visited in an area of Sulawesi is a new church," stated B. L. Langford, Qld. secretary of the Australian Council of Churches. "We met the first minister it ever had. It was noble suffering that caused its fast growth," he said.

"The Church in Indonesia is not a perfect church," said K. Dowding, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Western Australia. To complete the picture it was necessary to realise that its members were human, and some local churches had little knowledge of the work of evangelism, he reported. The Church lives on, in an avowedly non-Christian society, and does constantly win new converts, often through its educational work in universities and schools.

"Communism is not the chief menace in Indonesia. If there is a politi-

cal menace it is from the rightist elements in the army, which has complete control at present of national development," he commented.

"But even the worst enemies of the army in Indonesia (and there are plenty of them) agreed that the army had no expansionist aims outside Indonesia," said Mr. Dowding.

Mr. Stuckey said that wherever the team went it saw excellent work being done by the Salvation Army.

Warm applause for Mrs. Mary Sorongan expressed the feelings of the team, who realised that her long labors had made the visit possible. W. E. Fisher expressed thanks to her. He also said the team could not have had a better leader than J. M. Stuckey. "Mr. Andrew Sorongan was our Admirable Crichton, doing endless things for us," said Mr. Stuckey. —David M. Taylor, Asst. Gen. Sec.

J. K. ROBINSON (Fed. Sec., Aborigines Mission Board) writes about . . .

ONE OF OUR MOB

I hope my good friend, Principal E. L. Williams, will not be offended if I establish some relationship between the above rather inelegant expression and his excellent Provocative Pamphlet on *The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man*, but the expression came to my notice almost simultaneously with a re-reading of his pamphlet, towards the close of which he shows that Christians are brothers in a unique sense as Sons of God in Christ. But what of the expression "One of Our Mob"? Let me tell you the story.

Bob is a full-blood Aboriginal and his skin is black. He can neither read nor write, but he holds a position of authority among his people in the Carnarvon, W.A. area. Their communal life centres geographically on the Native Reserve on the outskirts of the town, where a number of families live in small cottages, provided by the W.A. Native Welfare Department. Bob's authority, however, expands far beyond the limits of the Reserve.

Both Bob and his wife have followed a life in which drunkenness and other excesses have had a prominent place, and although his authority was recognised, his moral example and influence were not good. However, the Carnarvon Mission people won his friendship, and he became willing to listen to the gospel. One night some of the missionaries arranged a service in the local picture theatre, and screened Billy Graham's film, *Southern Cross Crusade*. There was also singing and testimony by a group from the Mis-

sion. In response to an appeal for decision for Christ, Bob picked his way forward among both black and white people from the back of the hall, and stood with the Christian group.

Then came "Race Week," with the special evangelistic effort by the Mission people. At one of the meetings, Bob, the leader of his people, asked to be allowed to give his testimony. He told his people that he is going Jesus' way now, and has finished with the grog and other bad things. He comes out to all the meetings of the Mission, dressed in a suit and a white shirt, and seeks to learn as much as he can of the New Way. With a smiling face, he says, "I can't knock off now." Meaning that he can't stay away from the Christian meetings and activities. Socially, he bears himself with a quiet dignity, and is a welcome visitor to the Mission group.

Bob and his wife witnessed two baptismal services, and it was explained to them that baptism means that the person baptised has become a new creature, and entered into a new relationship with God. The old life is gone, and he has entered a new one. Bob and his wife call it the "Water Ceremony," and his wife said, "That's like us, Bob. When a boy is brought into the tribe he goes away into the bush for a while. When he comes back he is different, and he gets a new name."

Bob has grasped the idea of the two ways of life. He has been given

a wordless chart, and is as busy as can be telling his people about the bad way and the good way. He has already influenced others, some of whom are parents or relatives of some of our Mission children, to stand with him in the new way in Christ.

Bob is astounded at the friendly way in which he is made to feel at home in the Christian fellowship, and has said so a number of times. It was explained to him that Christians are bound by ties that the world does not know, that they are a family of brothers and sisters, who love each other for Christ's sake. It thrilled Bob. Not long after assimilating this idea he was introduced to someone, and the person doing the introducing said to Bob, concerning the other person, "He is a Christian." "Oh!", said Bob, "One of our mob." It was the only way he knew of expressing the truth of Ephesians 2: 20, "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

"One of our mob." Here was one of the great truths of Christianity, grasped by a man who can neither read nor write, and expressed in the only words he could find. They came from the depths of a new heart, and a new understanding, and surely must take their place in the glad anthems of the redeemed. My mind travelled to the explanation of Sonship and Brotherhood in Principal Williams' pamphlet, and I was inspired by the realisation that God is no respecter

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Townsville Story . . . (CONTINUED)

ALL PURPOSE HALL OPENED.

Saturday, Sept. 22 was a red letter day in the development of the work at Townsville, Qld. Amidst great rejoicing, an All Purpose Hall was officially opened and dedicated.

Over 100 people gathered in the warm sunshine as G. Munro (representing the builders) presented the key to Principal E. L. Williams, who in a few well chosen words opened the building. The service inside the new building was led by the minister, R. N. Gilmore. Distinguished guests included the Mayor of Townsville (Alderman A. J. Smith), the State Member of Parliament (P. Tucker) and the Federal Member (E. Harding). These, together with R. Smith, of the Townsville Methodist Church (also representing the Ministers' Fraternal), brought greetings. B. Scott, of Brisbane, represented the Queensland brotherhood, and C. Perkins (minister, Charters Towers) also brought words of encouragement.

F. Hammond (elder) responded to the greetings on behalf of the church. Then followed a simple act of dedication of the new building and its congregation. The thank-offering amounted to £119, and further gifts have since been received.

Principal Williams gave the first of five addresses the church was privileged to hear during the weekend, and his presence added much to the greatness of the occasion.

Following the official opening, many stayed for a fine buffet tea, served under the manse. The evening service was attended by over 70, the visiting soloist being Miss E. Plant (Charters Towers).

The communion service on Sunday the 23rd was a memorable occasion, being shared by over sixty people. The worshipful atmosphere was helped by the simple beauty of the build-

ing and music from a Hammond organ, kindly loaned for the occasion.

In the afternoon, Principal Williams spoke of his experiences at the World Council of Churches at New Delhi. Supporting musical items were provided by Mrs. M. Smith and S. Brown, with C. E. Brumby at the Hammond organ. The evening gospel service, conducted by Principal Williams on the theme of Commitment, brought a memorable weekend to a close.

The All Purpose Hall, erected in just six weeks, measures 80 ft. by 45 ft., including verandah, and is designed for coolness in the tropical climate. Amongst its features are a kindergarten area, roomy kitchen, two vestries and an open baptistery. The feature wall facing the main thoroughfare consists of a division marked by square panels of glass and fibro, painted in pastel colors, the other

half featuring a large cross, which is illuminated at night. The building is of brick foundation with fibrolite walls. Metal and glass louvres, together with large hopper type windows, make for maximum coolness and light.

Colored louvres in the shape of a cross, placed on the side of the building facing Albury-st., clearly indicate the nature of the building to passers-by.

The Townsville brethren have received many tributes concerning the design of the building, and it has already served as a means of witness.

The church at Townsville now accepts the challenge and opportunity provided by the completion of this All Purpose Hall, and is grateful to the Australian brotherhood, both State and Federal, for its prayerful and practical interest. —C. E. Brumby.

1962 International Convention

held at Los Angeles, California.

Another International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) is history. The date was Sept. 30-Oct. 4, and the place was Los Angeles. This thriving, sprawling city has three million people in it. The state of California reports that its population increases by 1,600 people daily. People are moving to California so rapidly that, by the end of this year, this state will have the largest population of any state in U.S.A.

The Convention met in the Shrine Auditorium, which is located about four miles from the heart of the city. The registration was about 10,000, of which 6,500 were registrations from California. Not all those who registered attended.

The Programme Book was 316 pages in size. It contained the Convention programme, hymns, reports of the agencies affiliated with the Convention, and resolutions. The resolutions, which were considered and acted upon by the Convention, numbered sixty-six. Some of these resolutions were highly controversial, hence debated at length on the floor.

The President of the Convention was Leslie R. Smith, minister of the Central Christian Church of Lexington, Kentucky. The new President, who will serve for the next 12 months, is Robert Burns, minister of the Peachtree Christian Church of Atlanta, Georgia. The 1963 Convention will be held in Miami, Florida, Oct. 11-16.

The high point of the entire Los Angeles Convention was the opening session held at 6 p.m. on Sunday in the Hollywood Bowl. There were over 15,000 present. A communion service was observed during this session, and it was impressively and reverently conducted.

All the business, to be considered and acted upon by the Convention, comes first to the Recommendations Committee to be considered by it. There were 201 members on this committee this year. One hour was spent on the programme each morning for the consideration of business. Because of the interest in many of the resolutions which were considered by the Convention, the attendance at the business sessions was large and the discussions were lively.

Another high point in the Convention was the Foreign Missionary session. There were 35 active missionaries present in the Convention. These were presented. Eight new missionaries received their appointments to their fields of service, which were Africa, Jamaica and the Philippines. About 30 retired missionaries were present in the Convention, and were presented one by one.

Of special interest to the preachers in every Convention is the Oreon E. Scott Ministers' Breakfast. This year about 1,200 were present for a 7 o'clock breakfast, when Dr. Elton Trueblood, a noted Quaker educator,

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of persons, for the same truth is grasped on the one hand by a scholar and a leader, and on the other hand by one who is also a leader, but who can neither read nor write. The communication of God's truth came to Bob, not through books nor through a reading of the written Word of God, but through the testimony of God's people, blessed by the Holy Spirit. He saw the truth that he had grasped in action, and it made him understand it. (In parenthesis: Incidentally, although Bob has his own native name, he does not use it very much, and is known locally by the surname of Williams).

was the guest speaker. These annual Convention Breakfasts for the preachers are held under the auspices of the Pension Fund.

The Fraternal Delegates from Great Britain this year were Mr. and Mrs. Will Aiton. While on the North American Continent, they visited churches in Canada and the United States, and also visited many agency headquarters in a number of cities. They sailed for home from New York on Oct. 16. While in New York they visited the headquarters office of the World Convention.

The International Convention elected Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stacey, of Lincoln, Nebraska, as fraternal delegates to the 1963 Annual Conference in Great Britain. He is the State Secretary for Nebraska.

Almost all the agencies of the brotherhood arranged Exhibit Booths in the Exhibition Hall. The largest of these was that of the Christian Board of Publication. Since this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of *The Christian*, much was made of this during the Convention. In fact, one entire session was given over to the celebration of this anniversary. The programme consisted of addresses and a history of the Board, presented by a colored film strip.

One of the greatest things about one of our conventions, wherever held, is fellowship. This is true in any land where we have churches. In the International Conventions many breakfasts, luncheons and dinners are held in order to help provide opportunities for fellowship. —Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary, World Convention.

As part of the Christian Endeavor Leadership Training programme in Victoria, an "Action" Camp was held at Hall's Gap on the weekend, Oct. 5-7. Forty Endeavorers from seven churches attended and received extremely helpful instruction. Studies dealt with: *The Qualities of Leadership*, *Groups that "GO"*, *Creative Thinking in Leadership*, *Programme Planning*, and *Committees at Work*, and concluded with a challenge to implement *Operation Outreach*. The use of the booklet, *The Game of Minutes*, by F. Laubach, for devotions and quiet times was most successful, and helped each person to practise the Presence of God. In spite of inclement weather, a very enjoyable outing to Mackenzies' Falls, Lake Wartook and Silverband Falls was conducted. The fellowship and inspiration of this camp were first class. The communion service and table devotions were led by the campers, and the camp and study leaders included Mrs. W. Jenkins, Gwen Barenger, Barry Jenkins, Ian Cooke and Les Stewart. An after-camp evaluation indicated that this was a most enjoyable and profitable weekend.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Is there any New Testament authority for "taking the emblems" to individuals who may not be able to meet with the church? Is there not a danger of giving them an exaggerated veneration when we take them out of the congregational setting?

The Lord's Supper is for the fellowship. It is not an act of individual worship. But it is neither the number of worshippers nor the location of the Supper which gives the communion service validity. Rather, it is the presence of our Lord and the response of the worshippers to his presence that enables the church to worship in spirit and in truth. This communion with the Saviour joins us with the whole Body of Christ, the Church, not only with those who are on our church roll or who are inside the same building with us. The desire to share with the church in communion with Christ is sufficient justification for us to take the emblems to, and represent the fellowship for, those who are genuinely prevented from worshipping with others.

On one holiday occasion, only one other person came to the church communion service over which I presided. On another Sunday four of us observed the Lord's Supper on a mountain peak. We used ordinary bread, and we used melted snow for communion wine. The fulfilment that came did not make those symbols valid for other times and places. There is great significance in the emblems that are traditionally used in the Lord's Supper, and it is of great importance for the church to "come together" for its highest act of worship.

The oneness of the Church is not impaired when sickness or infirmity prevents attendance. In these circumstances the Church can go to the home or the hospital, and the Christ can be present in reality.

You, ask for New Testament authority. I believe that the New Testament teaching of the Church enables us to see the Church wherever its members meet. Also I am sure that Matt. 18: 20 gives support to this view. These words of Jesus were not originally directed to such a situation, but they must surely apply to the worshipper who is shut off from the normal church service, but not cut off from Christ: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst."

Next Week: The calling and training of ministers.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., OCT. 21. — Preston chapel (one of those originally built in a day) was well filled this morning for the church's Diamond Jubilee communion service. It was a pleasure to share in the dedicatory prayer for the church's elders, deacons and deaconesses, as well as to give the address. Afterwards, the minister (G. W. Barnett) showed me around the attractive manse, on which the church has recently spent over £3,000 in renovations and additions. It was good to sense the happy, progressive spirit in the church. At night I spoke at a thanksgiving service at Moreland, where an offering of close on £500 was received during the day. I was interested in the section of the service where auxiliary representatives came forward and handed each body's contribution to the minister (G. A. Grainger).

MON., OCT. 22. — I'm always interested in reading anything concerning early Australia. I was amused today to come across the record of one early newspaper that did away with the formal "Births, Marriages and Deaths" heading, and substituted "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched."

TUES., OCT. 23. — Our chapel was filled this afternoon for the funeral service of Mrs. Stan. Crouch, one of those women whose ministries mean so much to the life of a church. She loved flowers, and slips from her garden bloom afresh in other widely scattered gardens — a parable of the way she spread her helpfulness.

WED., OCT. 24. — After a day's visitation, I took time off to sit with the rest of the family and enjoy an excellent TV presentation of Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*.

THURS., OCT. 25. — In this presidential year, newspaper reporters have added to a minister's normal hazards in coping with the telephone: "What do Churches of Christ think of capital punishment?" . . . "What do you think of the Archbishop's call for prayer?" . . . and so it goes on.

FRI., OCT. 26. — A Christian Union Dept. meeting rounded off a busy day on the Christian.

SAT., OCT. 27. — This evening I went over to Highbury-rd., Burwood, to have a share in that church's Family Month. Parents linked with the church through the school had been invited to tea, and I came on as the speaker afterwards. This is the growing church to which H. J. Patterson, M.A., "retired" on a "part-time" ministry. In many ways, he seems as busy as ever.

HERE AND THERE

For Christians, prayers for world peace are a continuing responsibility, not just to be resorted to when all else fails in an emergency, and not to be abandoned when the tension eases. But some may be stirred afresh to their responsibility by the calls to prayer which have been issued since the commencement of the Cuban crisis. Whatever may be the situation by the time these words are read, let there be among members of Churches of Christ no slackening either of prayers for peace or the will to peace.

For the 97th Homecoming church services at Swanston-st., Melb., Nov. 11, Lloyd E. Jones will be the guest speaker. A special invitation is given to all members of the churches which took part in the Mission to Melbourne to attend the afternoon session, 3 p.m. His subject will be *Operation Crossroads*. This will be the last opportunity for Melbourne members to meet Mr. Jones before his departure for Western Australia. At 2.45 p.m., an organ recital on a new Wurlitzer will be given by H. Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson (S.A.) have been on a visit to Melbourne, prior to the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Oldfield to Sydney. Mrs. Oldfield being their daughter. Mr. Anderson informs us that they recently received their first news in four years from Pearl Anderson in China, and that from trust funds received for that purpose the Federal Overseas Mission Board has forwarded to her some urgently needed financial help. Pray for her in these difficult times.

G. H. Earle, minister at Inverell, N.S.W., has completed 40 years of ministry with our churches in Australia and New Zealand. Large congregations attended the services at Inverell on Oct. 14 to share the occasion with Mr. Earle. Mrs. Earle is at present in hospital.



Christian Challenge to Echuca (Vic.).

After twelve months of planning and preparation, congregations from the Methodists, Presbyterians, and Church of Christ united in a witness to the people of Echuca. Arthur Preston (minister, West End Methodist Church, Brisbane) was invited to be the missionary.

The mission was organised by representative committees. The prayer and worship committee organised combined prayer groups for three months before the mission. On the Friday prior to the mission, the ministers from the three churches led a day of prayer in the Presbyterian Church. During the week of the mission, many people came to the Presbyterian Church at 8 a.m. to pray with the missionary and the ministers. This committee also organised the combined choir, which sang at all the meetings. The arrangements committee was in charge of the preparation of the hall for the meetings. There were two other committees whose names explain their function, the budget committee and the publicity committee.

The mission was held in Civic Centre, Sept. 16-23.

A total of 3,200 people was addressed at these meetings at the Civic Centre and schools, and 84 made public proclamation of their faith. Mr. Preston gave 23 separate addresses, with special meetings for the men, the ladies and the young people. On the Monday night an open forum and tea for men attracted 160. On Tuesday afternoon, 240 ladies heard Mr. Preston speak about the *Cure for Anxiety*.

A survey of the mission by Douglas McKenzie (Pres. minister) said its aims had been to bring the reality of Christ to the people of the district, and to provide an effective Christian witness. "There is no doubt that both these aims have been achieved," he said, "with the missionary's chief ability lying in making Christ a personal reality."

The profitable association between the churches involved and the fellowship between the members of these churches had been an outstanding feature of the challenge.

It is difficult to estimate the full impact on the churches; the future will reveal that. "But," writes Mr. Gray (Methodist minister), "we are thankful for the rich fellowship which we enjoyed with sister churches, the stirring up of the personal faith of members, public commitment to Christ by many of our people, and a deeper appreciation of the mission of the Church."

We of the Echuca Church of Christ would recommend to our brotherhood that this form of united witness really works. When Christians work together, God makes his presence felt in a community. — Barry L. Pyror.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

PRESTON, VIC.

On Sat., Oct. 20, a large gathering assembled, in spite of very inclement weather, to enjoy a musical evening. The programme included items by a special choir, organ recital by B. Allen, solos by Mrs. A. Quaife and T. Arnott, and instrumental items by the McLean Trio. At the conclusion of the musical programme, slides depicting the erection of the chapel, when built in one day, were shown, creating much interest and reviving many happy memories amongst those present, many of whom were former members now actively associated with neighboring churches. Cr. G. E. Gayther, and Mrs. Gayther, were present, representing the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Preston.

Special services were conducted on Sun., Oct. 21. At 11 a.m., a special feature of the service was the dedication of elders, deacons and deaconesses. The guest speaker was C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.), whose challenging message thrilled the congregation which filled the chapel to capacity. Among visitors present were Cr. T. A. Cochrane and Mrs. Cochrane.

At the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, another large gathering enjoyed the message from Ken Furlong, of The Unevangelized Fields Mission, who after his address showed slides of the Mission's work in New Guinea. Miss Verna Le Messurier rendered several very appropriate elocutionary items.

The final gathering was the gospel service conducted by G. W. Barnett (resident minister), who spoke to another capacity meeting. The newly formed Ladies' Choir, under leadership of Mrs. Quaife, assisted in this service, which was climaxed with a young man accepting Christ.

The use of an electronic organ greatly assisted the services, and the efforts of our organist, Noel Wolstencroft, who officiated at all services, were greatly appreciated.

The ladies of the C.W.E.F. catered in splendid style for the needs of visitors, nearly 200 meals being prepared throughout the day.

A thankoffering for the Manse Fund yielded a splendid response, when over £500 was contributed.

The rich fellowship enjoyed with former members and visitors has greatly stimulated the present membership, and much benefit will be derived from the interest and encouragement engendered by these special services.—A. Quaife.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Meeting held in Grote-st. chapel on Oct. 4, Mrs. Fax presiding; attendance 168, including 140 delegates. Opening devotions for the new year were well chosen by our President, Mrs. E. Fax. An appropriate solo, "Take Thou My Hands," was sung by Mrs. Cunningham. The Obituary report was presented by Mrs. Outlaw, and the prayer was voiced by Mrs. Riches. Many of our usual delegates were already on their way to Federal Conference. An afternoon for the Rest Home will be held on Thurs., Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., in the Grote-st. chapel. Mrs. Meldrum's concert party will supply the music, and plays will be presented by the Edwardstown Fellowship. The Christian Education Department is holding a camp at Barmera from Nov. 2-4. Theme for camp is, "Ye shall be my witnesses." All departments brought their reports, and we all look forward to a year of useful service for the Master. The Home Mission Department reported the first meeting of the church at Christies Beach. 35 people attended this service, which was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mullins. On Sun., Nov. 4, the church will be constituted by Mr. Norris, President-Elect. Meeting closed with the benediction. — L. Watson, Asst. Sec.

VICTORIA.

President, Mrs. Stafford, welcomed all present at Council meeting held in the Centre, Oct. 5, and introduced Mrs. Mason (Berwick), who used the theme, Clothes, to illustrate her devotions. A special welcome was extended to interstate visitors from Qld., N.S.W. and S.A., who were present on their way to Federal Conference. We were conscious of the wideness of our brotherhood as we also welcomed Misses J. Hunting and A. Draney (Vic. Living Link), together with our two Indian pastors, B. Bhonsle and S. Hiwale. Greetings were received from New Guinea and India. Guest speaker, Miss Hunting, spoke of the rapid growth in our missionary work in New Guinea and was appreciative for the supplies of medical goods, bandages, etc., forwarded to her.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and received.

Roll Call, 118 present, plus 13 visitors, including Mrs. Martin (Red

Cliffs). President welcomed Mrs. Whiting (U.S.A.), and now of Hartwell church. Delegates were asked to remember in prayer the next Woman to Woman campaign planned for October at Bentleigh.

Council saddened to hear of passing of Mrs. Oliver, who will long be remembered both in this land and in India for her great work for the Bible women of India. Sympathy was expressed to the family of Mrs. Iles, and also to Mrs. Lewis (Brighton), and prayer offered for all who were bereaved.

Mrs. Stafford introduced the Ludbrook House 1963 Calendars, and urged all to purchase these, as the proceeds will help reduce debt on Ludbrook House. Cost of calendar is 2/- each.

Mrs. N. Cheal reported on the first meeting attended by our representatives to National Council of Women.

Mrs. Amos wished all sisters attending Federal Conference God's blessing, and asked President to convey the greetings of Vic. to Federal Conference.—D. Sterling, Asst. Sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Devotions at the Oct. meeting were led by Mrs. Sonsee, supt. Hospital Committee, with Messd. C. B. Reid, Close, Sonsee, Manning taking part.

Mrs. G. A. Ewers welcomed all present, especially Messd. Rudd, Shaw, Potter, Hancock and Galloway. It was pleasing to welcome Mrs. Lushey, who had been ill. Mrs. Galloway brought greetings from South Australia.

Prayer was asked for sick folk. The roll call was answered by 83 sisters, representing 21 Fellowships, with 9 apologies.

The W.C.W.F. project book, and the Haiti poster for Federal Conference, were on display. The project book cover and title page beautifully featured W.A. wild flowers, hand-painted by Mrs. Frank Norton. There were 58 women delegates to Federal Conference. Mrs. G. A. Ewers brought the delegates and all responsible for the Federal Conference before the throne of Grace. Mrs. Digwood, leader of the delegation, thanked the president.

D. R. Manning (phone: 87-2938) will be pleased to hear of any car drivers willing to take patients from the Mental Hospital for a drive —

this is a real avenue of practical service.

The guest speaker, L. Fisher, Supt. of the Carnarvon Mission Station, was welcomed to the meeting. He told us of the changing pattern of work, of changed lives, of the new avenues open to missionaries in presenting Christ to the people in the town of Carnarvon, particularly during "race week." After thanking Mr. Fisher for his challenging and informative message, Mrs. Ewers drew attention to the colorful display of 75 dolls which were dressed by Mrs. Breckfort for Carnarvon and Norseman Missions.

The financial statement, read by Mrs. Beck, showed a balance in hand of £1,035/17/-.

Reports: Home Mission — Mrs. D. R. Manning, supt., brought a prayer request for the Brotherhood Evangelistic Campaign, Christian Centre, Oct. 22-28.

Aborigine — Mrs. J. Pallot, supt., reminded that October is the month to send forward clothing to the Missions.

Overseas — Mrs. Gordon, supt., gave special thanks to Fellowships, both town and country, for the ready response to the appeal for Christmas cheer for 300 New Hebridean women, from our Living Link, Mrs. K. Ludgater. Thanks also for financial support for various aspects of the work — especially for Maewo Hospital equipment requested from Helen Maiden.

Hospital — Mrs. Sonsee, supt., requested that used Christmas cards for Christmas Cheer be brought into the November auxiliary meeting. Mrs. Way sends greetings to all. Prayer request for elderly folk having to leave hospital too soon, and the need for an infirmary at the Christian Guest Home.

Social Service — Mrs. Holloway, supt., gave thanks and praise for answered prayer — a car and driver are at the disposal of deaconess, Mrs. Robertson. Prayer request for evangelistic opportunities in welfare work.

Wooroloo — Mrs. Verge gave thanks and praise for opportunities to witness to patients and for the restored health of many patients.

Eastern Wheatbelt Conference — Mrs. Gordon reported on the good attendance, warm fellowship and the consciousness of the presence of the Master at both morning and evening services. G. Smith (Subiaco) was guest speaker. Mrs. G. A. Ewers faithfully represented the Women's Auxiliary of Conference and reported on the work being done throughout the State. Mrs. J. Pallot brought news items of Carnarvon and Norseman Mission Stations, and showed slides on the work at Carnarvon. Mrs.

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INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Andrea Carmen, Norlane, Vic.
Patsy Poweling, Albury, N.S.W.
Merrilyn Barber, Mitcham, Vic.
Miss Y. Bleggs, Northcote, Vic.
Janette Lewis, Brooklyn Park, S.A.
Miss E. Wilson, Malvern, Vic.
Fay Liddle, Kalamunda, W.A.
Barbara Shea, North Essendon, Vic.
David Reko, Beverly Hills, N.S.W.

Membership

Mrs. Thompson, Red Cliffs, Vic.

Marriage

Pamela Milligen to Don Atkinson,
Moreland, Vic.

Anne Grinham to Jim Bosely, Swan
Hill, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

S. J. Andrews, Wedderburn, Vic.
Mrs. S. Crouch, Doncaster, Vic.
Mrs. A. Petran, Malvern, Vic.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Church helped during minister's visit to Tas. by R. Rugendyke, C. Cole (sec., Social Service Dept., N.S.W.), D. Young and E. J. Gaffey, and solos by Mrs. C. Cole, Mrs. R. Jones and E. Wilson. C.W.F. film evening, Sept. 27. R. Russ, N.Z. fraternal delegate to Federal Conference, welcomed Oct. 3. Mr. and Mrs. V. White and Mrs. McFarlane (returning to Hartwell, Vic.) and Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts (proceeding to Cornell University, U.S.A.) farewelled. Men's basketball team leads in competition.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dalkeith Road (C. G. Flood). — Attendances returning to normal after many absences through illness. Several new members welcomed into membership by transfer. Young lady

recently confessed Christ. C. G. Flood exchanged pulpits with G. Cameron (Pres.) to mark World Communion Sunday. Mr. Scott showed slides of Middle East at after-church fellowship. Preparations in hand for Church Loyalty Dinner, when programme for 1963 will be presented. C.W.F. raised £50 by city stall. Basketball windup concluded successful season.

Kalamunda (D. Croot). — Tenth church anniversary, Oct. 21. P.S.A. addressed by M. Lindsay on *Genesis and Geology*, with many specimens. Mrs. Calladine (Perth) was soloist. Secretary gave resume of first decade of service in Kalamunda. Services continue at steady average. Monthly youth tea addressed by Dr. L. Michael. B.S. scholar baptised in Maylands chapel. Young Marrieds' fellowship meets fortnightly in various homes. Tennis club being formed for church members, and club room being built. Messrs. Hutson and Lithgow conducted services Oct. 14, in minister's absence at Northam. Mrs. Masters (Native Mission, Roelands) and Mr. Adams (Malaya) have been visiting missionaries to services.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury - Wodonga - Lavington (D. Oldfield). — Anniversary services, Oct. 6-7. Ladies provided excellent tea, at which 150 sat down. R. W. Marshall (Glen Waverley, Vic.) was guest speaker; Mrs. Marshall was present also. Chapel was filled for service after tea; special musical items were provided. Speaker addressed service at Wodonga, 9.30, and at Albury, 11 a.m. and p.m. Mr. Marshall's ministry was appreciated by all. Visitors from Wangaratta, Yarrawonga, Byron Bay and Glen Waverley all enjoyed fellowship. At gospel service on 13th, a B.S. scholar confessed her faith in Christ. Midweek meeting at all centres well attended, and much interest shown. Oct. 19, a party of missionaries from "New Tribes Mission" visited Lavington, and good gathering enjoyed pictures and addresses on work in New Guinea. The party was accommodated in members' homes.

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle). — Minister conducted 2 weeks' mission at Malvern, Vic. Church thanks those who filled his place. Sympathy extended to relatives of late Sis. Slaughter. Church fete, in aid of Building Fund, realised £120, while Temple Day offering for same fund amounted to £120. At close of service, Oct. 7, young man made good confession.

B.S. anniversary services held 21st. Mr. Fennell, speaker at 3 p.m., also presented prizes. Scholars trained and conducted by Miss Norma Cook, C.M.S. invited ladies to hear interesting address on origin and development of bread making.

Inverell (G. H. Earle). — Prayers continue for sick members. Teens' fellowship held successful barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. S. McFettridge, Gum Flat. C.W.F. held tennis afternoon at manse court, Oct. 17. Combined men's tea held in Presbyterian Hall, 15th, when Mr. Wood (B. and F. B. S.) was speaker. Boys' and girls' club held moonlight hike 13th, visiting the lookout at MacIveen Park.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — Good a.m. meeting, Oct. 21. Tea at 5 p.m., when elders and deacons waited on their wives and families as a gesture of appreciation; elders and deacons assisted in gospel service. R. McDonald opened service, G. Woodroffe conducted song service, G. J. Outlaw introduced responsive reading, P. Fopp spoke on the eldership, W. J. Palmer spoke on the deacons and D. McDonald read Scripture. R. H. Sercombe preached.

Brooklyn Park (J. W. Lewis). — Building project in connection with new youth hall well under way. Much work undertaken on voluntary basis, under direction of B. Specht. Excellent response by men of church and B.S. parents. Enthusiastic gathering of men attended on a Sunday afternoon to listen to Mr. Pittman (Nails-worth church), who spoke on *Conduct of Worship Services*. There has been one decision. Work of church proceeding satisfactorily.

Port Pirie (K. Parry). — Attendances, under circumstances, keeping up fairly well; 1 decision Oct. 14. Budget programme, which came into operation in August, after stewardship campaign, is operating well. Work still progressing on new chapel and buildings; roof structure now up, ceilings going in some rooms, lighting equipment to hand. Seating for new chapel receiving much attention. Concert arranged for this project by Salvation Army well attended and appreciated.

Prospect (A. J. Griffiths). — In absence of minister at Hobart, pulpit was occupied by C. P. Hughes and

G. M. Mathieson. As from Nov. 4, morning worship will commence at 11 a.m., and B.S. at 9.30 a.m. Annual B.S. picnic, held at Williamstown, best attended for years. Over 40 Y.P. attended youth tea, when Miss Sully gave interesting illustrated talk on Japan. C.W.E.F. held successful annual birthday function, Oct. 4.

Unley (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family (Boronia, Vic.) and Mr. and Mrs. Sparks (Belmore, N.S.W.). B.S. anniversary, Sept. 30, 11 a.m., teachers' dedication service; 3 p.m., kinder and primary demonstration, at which speaker was C. Watson (Albert Park); senior scholars presented The Bible Library, at 7 p.m. 80th anniversary of church, Oct. 20, when thanksgiving service was held at 6 p.m., and Temple Day offering received, followed by church tea. Film, The Family That Changed the World, screened. D. G. Russ (minister, Wanganui church, N.Z.), fraternal delegate to Federal Conference, was a.m. speaker 21st.

VICTORIA

Malvern (G. J. Crossman). — On Oct. 10, C.W.F. had successful afternoon, when Miss D. Flatman screened slides of her trip overseas. C.M.S. held monthly meeting on 14th, when G. J. Crossman gave devotional talk. C. Young took both services 21st, when a married woman, visited in mission campaign, accepted Christ. Soloists have been C. Heywood and Jan Donaldson.

Mitcham (E. W. Heard). — Lady made good confession, Sept. 30. Special prayer meeting had guest speaker, Barnabas Bhonsle (minister, Bombay church); Indian hymn, translated from Marathi by Miss D. N. Geyer, was sung for first time in Australia. Neighboring churches were all represented. Anniversary services Oct. 7 and 14, commenced with morning worship and teachers' dedication service. Guest speakers for day were P. Perry and D. W. Hibburt. Bright singing by scholars under leadership of G. Ogden. 14th was special primary, kinder service. Afternoon speaker was Mrs. Clencie, and at night, choral climax service, with L. Stewart as speaker.

Morwell - Newborough - Traralgon (L. G. Armstrong). — Group at Traralgon continued weekly meetings, with well attended prayer meetings every Thurs. night. Minister has weekly segment on Children's Television GLV.10, and also regular epilogue appearances. Highlight of Morwell church for Sept. was opportunity to act as host church at combined church service on 30th, sponsored by local Council of Churches. With noteworthy singing by men's quartet, and

inspiring message by our minister, the congregation of over 300, united in our regular evening gospel service. After-church general open meeting and discussion time was very ably handled by Mr. Armstrong.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — Young lady made her decision Oct. 14. On 21st, E. L. Williams, M.A., commenced series of special messages concerning Our Plea. Minister conducted baptismal service. On 12th, B.S. prize-giving and concert took form of fancy dress parade, games, items, supper, and film to close the evening.

Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland). — Guest service held p.m. Oct. 14, with very good attendance, followed by time of fellowship in church hall. I. Baker (B. & F. B. S.) speaker a.m., 7th. C.E. visited Pyramid Hill on 6th for social gathering with Y.P. there. District picnic held at Nyah, 13th, with large attendance. B. Willesdorf (Y.F.C.) conducted rally in chapel, 17th.

Dandenong (A. R. Lloyd). — Av. attendance for Sept.: a.m., 123; p.m., 85; communicants, 115. At annual meeting of church, C. Brough (elder), G. Brown (deacon) and S. Mottram (treas.) elected. All reports showed work functioning well under new ministry. 70th anniversary of church held Sept. 23, with R. C. Bolduan speaker a.m., and Miss J. Milne soloist p.m. 18 Y.P., with minister, attended S.E. District Youth Camp at Mt. Evelyn, Sept. 28-30. Dedication services held for Board of Officers, Oct. 7, for B.S. teachers and officers, 14th. At B.S. anniversary, Oct. 7 and 14, speakers were Mrs. L. D'Ombrian, J. G. Shaw and A. Baker. Mr. and Mrs. E. Spurr have taken up residence at Oakleigh Guest Home.

Maidstone (R. H. Patterson). — Successful concert given by B.S. scholars, Sept. 28, was well attended. O.A.C. conducted gospel service, 30th. Under 16 cricket team commenced Oct. 6; this was their first game in competition. F. Cooksie, missionary expelled from Soudan, conducted evening service, 7th, and afterwards screened slides of work in area. £55 donated, by members to Belgrave Heights camp. Pet show for B.S. scholars, 6th, proceeds going towards purchase of surgical boots for Aboriginal children. C.E. for teenagers commencing under leadership of A. Westaway.

West Preston (T. T. Robinson). — Av. attendances Sept.: a.m., 126; p.m., 100. Good Companions' club for young girls has re-commenced, with five leaders. B2 grade tennis team were winter competition premiers. Three West Preston teams have entered summer competitions. Explorer club holding standard tests for club boys, and held church parade, 30th.

K.S.P. had "meet the minister" night, 21st. Monthly Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital visits being made by over 20 members of Y.P.S.C.E. Y.P. had "moonlight hike" at Beaumaris, and devotional in Black Rock chapel, 29th. Y.P.S.C.E. had audio-visual prepared on Opportunities for Service, Oct. 2. B.S. anniversary, Oct. 7 and 14, with 180 scholars participating; Nev. Arnott conductor. Y.P.S.C.E. meeting, Oct. 6, addressed by Graham Carslake (C.O.B.).

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — Av. attendance for month: 102 a.m., 48 p.m., 109 communed. Cricket club held social and film evening, Oct. 6. Miss Alwyn Dowling soloist p.m., 7th. C.W.A.F. visited James' chocolate factory, 8th. Stewardship campaign concluded 14th, with aim of every member present, when commitment cards were signed, resulting in increased pledged giving. D. Dewing (supt., Norseman Mission, W.A.) showed slides and told of progress of work at combined district rally, 18th. C.W.E.F. annual fair on 19th opened by Mrs. G. S. Brown. £164 received toward their thankoffering at end of year. B.S. anniversary, 21st, had Mrs. G. S. Brown as speaker for 3 p.m. service, when kinders took part and cradle roll cards were distributed. Mr. and Mrs. C. Cordy (Hurstville, N.S.W.) visitors.

North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A., T. R. Mason). — 36th school anniversary Sept. 30, when at 11 a.m., communion service was combined with singing by scholars under leadership of D. R. Ploog. Minister gave address. Primary, Kinder. and Cradle Roll session held in afternoon. Evening session featured audio-visual, A House is Not a Home. Av. attendances Sept.: a.m., 172; p.m., 123; communicants, 159. Oct. was Loyalty Month. On 7th, p.m. service led and served by C.W.E.F., Mrs. Graham Conning giving address. At C.Y.F. meeting afterwards, New Hebrideans, Samuel and Japheth, gave witness for Christian Missions and sang duets. R. F. Geyer a.m. speaker, 14th. In evening, Explorers and Good Companions had tea and shared in gospel service, led by T. R. Mason and J. Birt. At a.m. service 21st, readers and helpers were all "young disciples," presided over by R. Conning. At gospel service, young lady made good confession. North Essendon supplies frequently presidents to Newmarket and Ascot Vale. At Milleara, services (mornings only) continue steadily, with averages of 32 and 25 communicants. B.S., with average of 90 children, is promising, but has shortage of teachers. Boys' team has commenced playing with Essendon Churches' Cricket Association. School has adopted as special effort raising of funds to aid New Hebrides in procuring educational material.

Carnegie (L. Chapman - interim). — B.S. anniversary, Oct. 7 and 14. Good singing by children, under leadership of I. Ferguson; speakers: R. McKenzie, K. Heath, J. Manallack, L. Chapman. Prizes given to kinder. and primary depts. Concert and prize-giving night, 19th. Mrs. Mudge, after some years as supt. of primary, has resigned; presentation made to her: Mrs. Dowling now has primary dept. Services well attended. Presentations made to Joy Galletly (prior to marriage) and to Peter Phillips (prior to return to England). Bev. Kealing has returned home after motor accident. Mrs. Hibburt ill. Mr. Herbert has gone into Oakleigh Guest Home. Mr. Dowling and S. Strother have joined B.S. staff. Five new scholars enrolled. New scholar drive by Y.P. commenced. Miss Anita Skewes soloist p.m. service. Members enjoying fellowship with L. Chapman during interim ministry.

Moreland (G. A. Grainger). — On Oct. 6, church school held happy anniversary. Scholars' choir, led by G. Harman; speakers, C. Latimer and G. Grainger. Church appreciated visit and message given by Conf. Pres. (C. G. Taylor, B.A.) on Thanksgiving Day, 21st. Offering amounted to £484, including gifts from auxiliaries. At C.M.S. tea, J. Davidson spoke on Education in New Guinea. C.W.F. purchased new hall carpet for manse. C.Y.F. paid visit to Australian Paper Mills. Midweek meeting enjoyed talks and films by Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall on their world tour; also visit to Coburg, when L. Fisher spoke on Aborigine work in W.A.

Coming Events

LYGON-ST., CARLTON (Vic.), Nov. 4, 108th ANNIVERSARY and HOMECOMING DAY, with 3 Memorable Services. Speakers: 11 a.m., A.W.C. Candy; 3 p.m., Judge Stafford; 7 p.m., R. J. Duckett (recently returned from world tour). "Let us exalt his Name together" in happy fellowship and renewed fellowships. All provision made for generous hospitality.

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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.

NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Nov. 4. 11 a.m., L. E. Brooker; 3 p.m., Primary and Kinder Session; 7 p.m., The Life of Christ in picture, story and song.

CAMBERWELL CHURCH (Vic.) 46th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, Nov. 11. 11 a.m., Worship and communion; preacher, S. H. Wilson; 3 p.m., Informal P.S.A. for fellowship and exchange of reminiscences; 7 p.m., Gospel service, with choir; preacher, K. W. Barton. Hospitality provided, luncheon and tea. Sec., 28 - 4486.

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MIDDLE PARK (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Nov. 4. 3 p.m., School Demonstration; 7 p.m., A. Matheson.

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.

COLLINGWOOD CHURCH (Vic.), THANKSGIVING DAY, Nov. 4. Special services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Church Tea, 5 p.m. All past members and friends welcome.

BRIGHTON CHURCH (Vic.) 103rd ANNIVERSARY and HOMECOMING SERVICES, Nov. 18. 11 a.m., Morning Worship; speaker, Stanton H. Wilson; 12.30 p.m., Hospitality provided in homes of members for visitors; 3 p.m., Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service; organist, Ian L. Thomas, L.Mus., L.T.C.L., A.Mus. A. (Th.), and the Choristers of St. Andrews Church; 5 p.m., Fellowship Tea, in School Hall; 7 p.m., Evening Service; speaker, C. G. Taylor, B.A. (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.). All past members are cordially invited to be present and enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of this day.

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BIRTHS

CHANDLER (Hamilton). — On Oct. 18, at Ferntree Gully Hospital, Vic., to Beryl and Henry, a son — Paul Henry.

PRYOR. — To Nancy and Barry, at Echuca Hospital, Vic., on Sept. 30, a daughter — Gayle Anne.

DEATHS

CHISLETT. — On Oct. 23, at Melbourne, Clarence John, beloved son of Mrs. Emma and the late Arthur Chislett, loved brother of George, Bertha (Mrs. Pasmore), Grace (Mrs. Hazelwood), Keith, Gordon, Lindsay, Stan, Norman. Aged 48 years.

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JONES. — Loving memories of our dearly loved sister, Freda, called Home Oct. 27, 1961. "Behind all shadows standeth God."

— Clare, Vic. and family.

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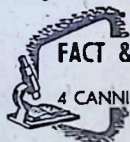
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MINISTRIES OF OUR WOMEN

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J. W. Gordon spoke on Overseas Missions.

The next Budget Rally will be held at South Perth on Tuesday, Nov. 13. In the morning the Aborigine Missions will be featured, in the afternoon, Home Missions.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Seaby.—D. W. Gordon, Asst. Sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

There were 78 ladies present at the October meeting. Mrs. Bell was in the chair and shared the prayer thought from the Prayer Committee, and welcomed all to the meeting. There were two country visitors, and a number of apologies.

The devotions were led by Mrs. Cordy (Hurstville) around the theme, **Who Is My Neighbor?**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as a correct record. Mrs. Bell gave a brief resume of Convention Day and the Inter-Church Council Community Day.

It was announced that Christmas cards for "Wybaleena" were available at 1/- each.

Mrs. Sack appealed for helpers for sorting, etc., for Social Service work, also for someone to help at Bingley Hall while Mrs. Edwards is on holidays.

During the month Mrs. Bell visited Wagga and Albury Fellowships, and enjoyed a profitable time with these ladies.

Miss Rofe read the financial statement, and brought before the meeting a few of the most interesting figures for the month.

Mrs. Bennett was the special speaker for the day, from Travellers' Aid. After thanking Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bell closed the meeting with the Fellowship hymn and benediction.—J. Torode, Asst. Sec.

OBITUARY

Frederick John Purdy.

F. J. Purdy, who died after a long illness, on Sept. 27, 1962, was a member of Lane Cove (N.S.W.) church and was a loyal and generous supporter of the work. Early in life he worked among the men who had been brought to the cane-fields of Queensland from the Pacific Islands. He was associated with John Thompson in evangelising among these people. Eventually he went to the New Hebrides and worked among the people there. Over the years Mr. Purdy had continued to show an interest in overseas missionary work, and gave generously also to the Bible College in New South Wales. To Mrs. Purdy and other members of the family we extend deepest sympathy.—A. W. Stephenson.

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