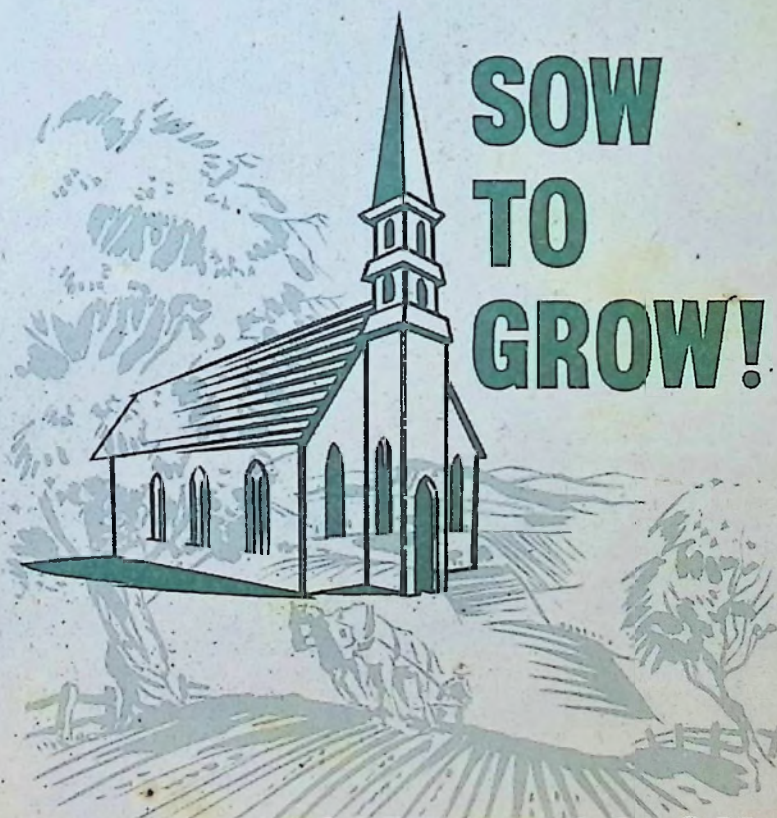


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HELP HOME MISSION DEVELOPMENT

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Edmunds Young Men for Big Tasks

B. J. Combridge.

"I write to you young men, because you are strong." Thus the aged John wrote in his letter. There's much to be said for channelling the strength of youth into the service of the gospel. State Home Missionary Departments will soon be served by more young men than ever before in their history.

A YOUNG TEAM.

D. W. Mansell has been serving in Queensland. K. Crawford is at the helm in N.S.W. K. J. Patterson (easily the senior among these young men) will soon commence in W.A.; and D. H. Smith succeeds to the Secretaryship in Victoria-Tasmania at the commencement of 1963. A. A. Avery, the Vic.-Tas. Field Officer, fits into this age group. They make a youthful team, in spite of veteran E. P. C. Hollard's continued association. Youth, however, is not their only qualification, although vigor, vision and vitality, which characterise youth, are of inestimable value. They bring ability, industry, devotion and Christian concern, which qualify them to challenge and lead their brethren.

BIG TASKS.

What will these men be doing? They have big tasks to fulfil.

- (1) They will be concerned with new areas of population and seeking to co-operate with neighboring congregations and the brotherhood in initiating new causes.
- (2) There will be concern for existing causes which need assistance in order to realise their potential.
- (3) In every State there will be emphasis on Christian stewardship. Techniques may vary, but basic objectives will be the same. An intimate relationship is recognised between stewardship of money and stewardship of the whole of life. Generous giving liberates spiritual power and generates spiritual vitality. The Church is learning this.
- (4) Evangelistic activity will be the basic concern of these men. These will endeavor to stimulate churches in evangelistic enterprise. They will seek to involve church members in evangelism, and encourage churches to integrate evangelism in the ongoing programme of the Church.

The effectiveness of this programme will depend largely upon the co-operation these leaders receive.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA . . .

SOW TO GROW

J. W. GORDON, H.M. Chairman and President of W.A. Conference, writes . . .

Our Home Mission enterprise has always been thrilling, because it deals with great-hearted people who "Sow to Grow." Throughout our vast State there are many who today have cause to remember, with high regard, the loyal service of the few who worked for the benefits of the many.



J. W. Gordon.

It has long been the Christian duty of the Home Mission Department to dispense funds in propagation of the gospel. The love of all our people is demonstrated by their concern for the weaker cause. The rewarding joy is to see the seed sown and the harvest yield.

SELF SUPPORT.

We have just received the good news that Busselton, a young church, has become self supporting. It is pleasant reading, indeed, to receive a letter which in effect says, "Thank you for your help; we are now at last able to help ourselves. Please use our subsidy to help somebody else."

IMPRESSIONS.

In travelling around this State, one gains a strong impression of the love of the people for the Word of God. There is a desire to preach the gospel. There are many opportunities awaiting us. If a challenge is presented it can find many supporters. God's call today is not falling on deaf ears.

The time is upon us to plan courageously and aggressively. Plans to become effective must be supported.

There is an opportunity for all our brotherhood to share through our Home Mission Offering.

VISION.

May God's people see a vision which will call forth a response that will make possible the spreading of the gospel to people to whom God is calling us to minister.

It is worth asking, "If the spreading of the gospel was left to me, how effective would it be?" Let us then be seized with the challenge, and do our duty by God and our fellow-man.

Nollamara — Satellite City

Twelve miles to the north of Perth the satellite city of Nollamara is being erected. When fully developed the city will be designed to carry a population of approximately 100,000. The planned development is in line with such major projects in Australia and overseas. Recent trends in town planning are a feature, and every consideration has been given to recreation and shopping facilities.

Church Established.

Our work commenced in 1959, and in the three years there have been encouraging developments. Membership stands at 68, with an increase of 19 during the last Conference year. Transfers inwards should continue to strengthen the work. R. Roberts



Busselton Church.

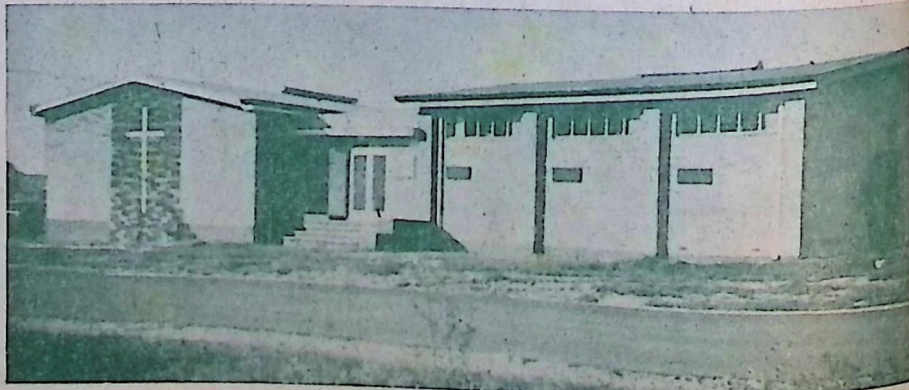
serves the church in a part-time capacity and has given helpful leadership in an overall programme.

Auxiliary Growth.

Bible School attendances have continued to grow, and there are in excess of 200 children enrolled. Sharp increases in attendance and enrolment have been a feature of the school. Other clubs are catering for youth work, and adult groups are similarly encouraging.

New Buildings.

During 1961 new buildings in the form of a chapel and hall were opened. This is one of five new properties opened in 1961-62 by L. G. Cooke during his term as Conference President. As steady growth continues, the need for a further major thrust will become necessary, and both church and Home Mission Committee must look towards full-time leadership.



Nollamara Chapel.

NEW SOUTH WALES . . .

STATE GROWTH

VITAL ROLE.

The Department is playing a vital role in State growth. This year it will be assisting eighteen churches, including the following for the first time:—

Austral - Campbelltown - Hillview—

Our work at Austral continues to set us a challenging example in Church Extension. Following the establishing of a work at Campbelltown last year, which has now grown to a membership of twenty-two, they plan to establish a second cause at Hillview, one mile west of Liverpool. To assist in the development of this, D. Norling will commence a ministry at Campbelltown in January, 1963.



D. Norling.

Bowral — We are happy to welcome Bowral to our Home Mission Family this year, to enable them appoint D. Surtees as their first full-time minister. They have recently completed an attractive manse on a property adjoining the church buildings, and look forward to a profitable ministry in the coming years.

Charlestown - Cardiff — Following the acquiring of the Merewether property by the Mains Road Board, it is proposed to establish a new work at Charlestown, and this will be linked in a circuit with Cardiff, and a full-time minister appointed to ensure a rapid development of the work.

North Turramurra — Land has been acquired in this area and will be developed as quickly as possible,

in co-operation with our church at Chatswood.

Penrith — This is perhaps our most rapidly growing work, and the Committee is assisting them with a subsidy to enable them to provide necessary accommodation, and to take advantage of the fact that they are situated in the most rapidly developing city of New South Wales.

Wyoming — They, too, will move full-time in 1963 with the appointment of J. Sedman to assist in the work. Plans are also in hand for the erection of a new building on the site opposite their present hall.

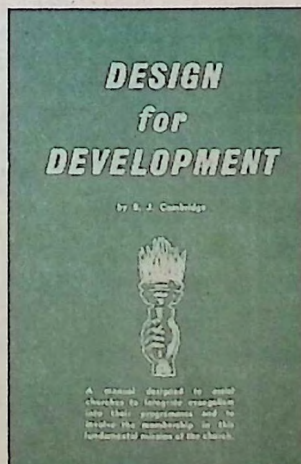
OUR UNFINISHED TASK.

The Department is tremendously embarrassed by its inability to move into new areas throughout the State. The call, "Come over and help us," is daily heard from scores of places without evangelical witness. As a brotherhood we have not even begun to take seriously this urgent problem of church extension. It is a missionary responsibility second to none, and ought to challenge our people to the point of personal sacrifice.

RADIO EVANGELISM —

"THIS IS THE ANSWER."

Following our change to the time slot of 5.50 to 6 p.m. on 2CH each Sunday, and the new presentation (in which we are assisted by Mrs. E. Titterton, Mrs. R. Freckleton, E. Hart and C. J. Mackenzie), response to this session has greatly increased. As experience is gained in broadcasting, it is planned to expand this aspect of our work.



A Manual for Christians.

Recent years have seen an upsurge of our work in N.S.W. By the end of 1963 our full-time minister strength will have risen to 54, an increase of 68 per cent in three years. This, together with the introduction of "Design for Development" in each local church, gives assurance of increased growth in future years, with many more being won to Christ.



K. E. Crawford, Director.

FUTURE PLANS.

Convinced that the future prosperity of our work depends upon the extension and strength of our witness in N.S.W., the Department plans to do everything possible to establish new causes and strengthen those already existing.

"DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT."

It is the Department's policy to assist in the implementation of Design for Development. Related to this major purpose is its willingness to evaluate churches' evangelistic programmes and make recommendations regarding "Year Round Total Church Evangelism"; advise in "Teaching of Giving" Campaigns; hold training classes for Personal Evangelism and Visitation Evangelism, and for elders, deacons, secretaries and treasurers. This is a fairly comprehensive aim, and its success will depend upon the willingness of local church leaders to co-operate in these ventures.

From this kind of co-operation could come a spiritual stimulus, renewed church activity, the strengthening of members' faith and many won to the Kingdom.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA . . .

Had it Not Been for Home Missions!

When the late Thomas Bagley stated that "Home Missions is the heart of all our work," he made no idle comment. Whilst today in each State there are limited numbers of Home Mission churches, the great bulk of "all of our churches" have had a direct Home Mission association. Had it not been for Home Missions, so much of our institutional work, our strong self-supporting churches, our overseas work, would not be as it is today. If Home Missions sets the pattern of progress and outreach, then we must never let our support flag. — E. P. C. Hollard.

S. R. Beck, President of Conference, Treasurer of Home Missions . . .

James Thurber's comment that "It is better to risk falling flat on your face than to lean too far backwards," together with Christ's great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel . . ." could well have been the mottoes of Home Missions in S.A. over the years.

As we ponder the thought, "Had it not been for Home Missions," imagination races ahead. With so many new churches established by the Department, and ministers placed in churches years earlier than would have been possible, it is suggested that but for Home Missions we would have fewer than seventy-six churches, with smaller memberships. More would be without full-time ministers; churches would have waited for a spiritual leader, with a consequent longer period of stagnation and frustration — not to mention lost souls. Our evangelistic outreach would have been restricted and many would have lacked teaching.

It is quite conceivable that many persons, including the writer, would have remained outside of Christ. My own church owes a lot to Home Missions during its struggling years from 1913 to 1930, and many individuals have cause to thank the Department. We almost involuntarily exclaim, "Thank God for Home Missions!"

K. J. Parry, Port Pirie, . . .

The church at Port Pirie was a struggling cause — until the Home Mission Department enabled a full-time ministry to be renewed.

The next step is one of faith — a building project to replace the old all-purpose hall (erected 40 years ago) in a housing development area just out of the centre of the city. This is not a step — it is a giant stride.

1. The Department has enabled us to keep going when things looked difficult. Financial help has meant that a minister could be engaged to help awaken waning interest in our witness.

2. This assistance has given to the churches a sense of belonging. We belong to something greater than our local setting, and the message we have is a witness we share with a great company of fellow-believers.

3. Of those who preached at Antioch it is written, "The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord." To Home Mission churches, the Department could be said to be the hand of the Lord.

A brotherhood shares in the outreach of the gospel, and a "great number turn to the Lord."

We would not exist, let alone achieve such a purpose, were it not for Home Missions.

D. J. Lawrie, Chairman Home Mission Department, S.A. . . .

"Had it not been for Home Missions." These provocative words direct thought into two avenues — the Home Mission picture as we know it, and the picture that might have been.



Windsor Gardens.

The latter is difficult to envisage, because almost every church in South Australia has at some time received its help. Some might not have commenced, and many would have been unable to support a full-time ministry, while future planning would be non-existent.

Eleven preachers are on our present staff, two new churches commenced, and land held in new areas for expansion.

This panorama portrays the value of this Department. Pray and prepare for the offering on November 25.



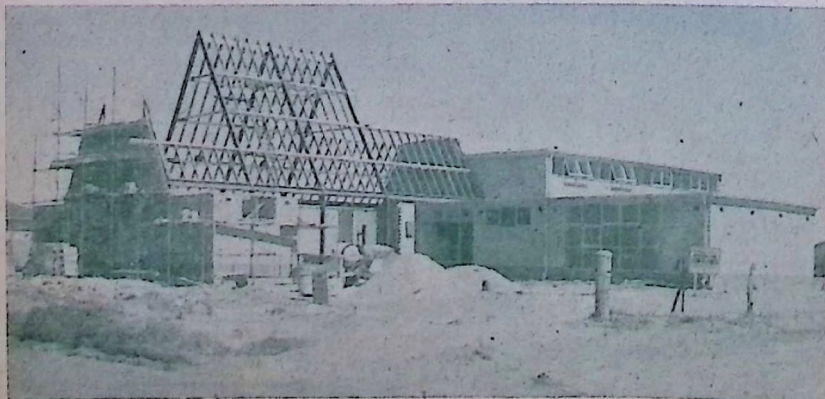
John Lambert, Chairman of a Baby Church . . .

The period between possibility and fulfilment is indeed an active one, but land, buildings and full-time pastor, are planned in advance by Home Missions.

To a baby church, these necessities are somewhat overwhelming, but every assistance is given by Home Missions, backed by the brotherhood, "to get on with this job of preaching Christ."

How many Home Mission churches would be in the healthy position they are today; how many would even be in existence, but for Home Missions?

Let's talk more about Home Missions! Let's get together and pray for Home Missions! Let's give to Home Missions of our time and substance — time to carry on the work they commence, and money to finance it. They depend on us!



Port Pirie.

QUEENSLAND . . .

ROOM TO GROW

"CHANGE PLACES WITH ME"

G. V. Haigh, Home Mission Chairman.

I suppose there has never been a greater spur to missions than the commission of Christ "to go into all the world and preach the gospel." This need is real.

Strangely enough, however, every foreign outpost is a Home Missions cause to those whose home it is. To many at home, fields far off appear the greener, yet surely it is not for all to stare mistily into the distance, but rather to apply the hand diligently to that which is at the door.

Each month in Brisbane, Qld., fourteen men and women meet together to "further the cause of evangelism." I want you, the reader, to change places with me and chair this meeting.

It's budget time — first you must recognise where need exists; next, try to meet the need, and finally try to find the finance to carry on that which you cannot conscientiously avoid.

Queensland is a vast State, rich in natural resources, its industry and its population widely scattered. Amongst its 1½ million persons are 3,753 members, meeting in 48 places, at the extremes 1,600 miles apart.

This isolation and long line of communication is a major and costly problem, especially when it comes to transporting ministers, their families and their personal effects.

Firstly, you must look at **Charters Towers** — 1,100 miles north from Brisbane — 29 active members. You can't let the cause there die. You accept the challenge and Mr. Perkins commences a ministry. **Townsville**, 1,000 miles north from Brisbane, 43 active members. They cannot "go it alone," so you join forces with the Federal Home Missions Committee. You help Mr. Gilmore to continue in strong leadership — but you must do more; £2,500 must be provided by your committee as part share in the building programme.

Mackay, 750 miles north from Brisbane, 39 active members. Will you help this cause, not strong enough to carry all the burden? You do. Mr. Vanham continues his ministry.

Gladstone, 420 miles north from Brisbane, 13 active members. Your resources are strained, yet you can't ignore their pleas. You send men to help from other churches, month about — you underwrite a tent mission. We must not fail this small group.

Nambour, 70 miles north of Brisbane, 37 active members, a church in

a thriving centre full of promise. You can't afford not to back Mr. Gibson's ministry.

Warwick, 90 miles south-east of Brisbane, 45 active members. The church needs help — it died once many years ago — it must not do so again. You arrange for **Malcolm Glezendanner** to commence a ministry early in 1963.

Hawthorne, 74 members, **Camp Hill**, 73 members, both in Brisbane: only a little help is needed in these centres of promise, but needed it is, to maintain Mr. Eager and Mr. Harvey.

Dalby, 160 miles west of Brisbane, 39 active members. Established in 1950, now showing much promise, ably led by Mr. Woolford — your help makes this possible.

Southport, 50 miles south of Brisbane, 18 active members, oversight given. The need of a resident minister cannot longer be ignored.

Organiser — Every ship needs a captain, and Queensland needs Mr. Mansell's capable leadership. You must make it possible for him to keep the lines of communication open.

And what is all this going to cost? £4,750 per year will do nicely. This you must provide, because you dare not fail any one of these, your brethren.

For a fleeting moment you have been Chairman of the Queensland H.M. Committee. You have experienced, first hand, the immensity of the challenge and the bigness of the task to be carried out. Our God has commissioned us all in this venture. He will not fail us, we dare not fail him. This, then, is Queensland's Challenge for November, 1962 — £4,750 is needed. Let its realisation be the measure of our willingness to sacrifice for him who gave his all for us.



QUEENSLAND — A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE

M. H. A. Pieper, Albion.

Queensland is a State of tremendous distances. It is much further from Brisbane to the tip of Cape York Peninsula than it is from Brisbane to Melbourne.

Queensland is a State of tremendous potential for further development in many fields. This has been brought home very forcibly in the last year through the discovery of oil at Moonie.

Queensland is a State of tremendous challenges. The greatest of these — to carry the simple but saving

message of Christ to every city, town, village, and rural area — is faced by our Home Missions Committee.

We praise God for the men who have pioneered this work in the past, and for our present leader, **David W. Mansell**. But the task is great, and up to the present time we have really only scratched the surface. The lag will become infinitely greater in the next decade unless much more consecrated manpower and money are flung into the battle. It has been said that, "Wherever there is an evident need, there is the call of God." Queensland's need is emphasised by the vastness of the State, the certainty of a rapidly increasing population, and the fact that the greater proportion of its inhabitants have never been reached with the plain message of Christ.

THE NEED IS EVIDENT!

WHO WILL HELP QUEENSLAND
HOME MISSIONS ANSWER THE
CALL?



D. W. Mansell, State Organiser.

"SOW TO GROW"

with a great
HOME MISSION
OFFERING,

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

VICTORIA - TASMANIA . . .

Steady Sowing — Vigorous Growth

HOW I SEE HOME MISSIONS

B. J. Combridge.

It is said of a Texas millionaire who wore very thick spectacles that he hated them, especially while driving his car. So he had the windscreen ground to the prescription of his spectacles. It was grand for him, but it compelled those who rode with him to look through his spectacles. Will my readers please look with me through a windscreen ground to Home Mission specifications?

Part of Our Work.

At the end of the year I shall conclude a term of twelve-and-a-half years as Home Mission Secretary, having previously been a member and also Chairman of the Department. This has given me an intimate knowledge of the Department and the brotherhood. In spite of my deep interest in its work, I have always endeavored to keep it in correct perspective as part only of the total brotherhood task.

An Important Part.

One of my predecessors in this office saw Home Missions as "the heart of all our work." It is! More recently the slogan was coined, "You strengthen all our work when you support Home Missions." Superficially, these two statements are not much alike, but essentially they are very similar. In supporting Home Missions — the heart of all our work — the whole body of brotherhood is strengthened. Home Missions, therefore, is a very important part of our brotherhood work.

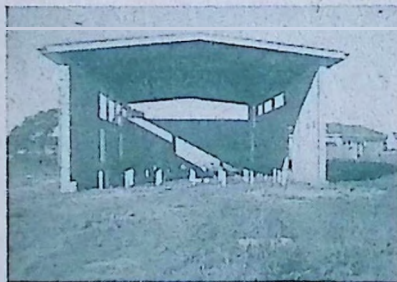
Indispensable!

Some parts of an organism are dispensable. The human organism can lose an appendix, or tonsils, and except for temporary inconvenience, the loss is not noticed. Loss of other members such as fingers, arms or eyes impairs the organism, but does not destroy it. But remove the heart and what happens? It was Home Mission Secretary, Thomas Bagley, who coined the phrase, "the heart of all our work." As a lad of twelve my decision for Christ was made under his preaching, and it was he who extended to me the right hand of fellowship and welcome into the little church at Meredith (Vic.). I am sure he would be with me now, as, in sharing this last annual appeal of my term of office, I declare my deep and unshakable conviction that Home Missions has been, is, and must continue to be the indispensable heart of all our work, and that when supporting Home Missions you strengthen all our work.

"EIGHT NEW CENTRES"

In 1962, the co-operative arms of the churches of the brotherhood through the Department's resources undergirded steady sowing of the good seed in eight additional centres.

Bentleigh East (M. Giezendanner - student minister), one of our newest congregations, has shown promise. A hall built by voluntary labor is almost completed. The congregation then moves into the centre of an expanding area, and with diligent work promises to repeat the performance of other lusty works fast growing up.



Bentleigh East Hall
nearing completion.

Pascoe Vale (G. Setsman - student minister) has a similar story. A new hall is almost complete, attendances have never been better, and a large Sunday School promises well.

Spring Gully (N. B. Wells - student minister), under the oversight of the Bendigo church, has a fine site and a very useful hall. Meetings continue to grow and an aggressive visitation programme is extending the work in this developing area.

Berwick commenced in 1869. With industrial development in the Dandenong area, this lovely little town is expanding. This year has seen a new manse completed and a resident student minister, K. A. Mason, appointed. There have been a number of additions to membership, and recently a Planned Giving Programme lifted the church's opportunities.

Chelsea, like so many other areas, is feeling the effects of population growth. A full-time ministry has been commenced with C. G. V. Thomas, and early reports are encouraging.

Ascot Vale - Newmarket Circuit is set in the Inner Suburban Area. Recent Housing Commission flat development has given the church increased opportunity, and under G. K. M. Moyes a vigorous programme has brought new life to the churches.

Hurstbridge (A. J. Storay - student minister), on the outskirts of Melbourne, sees a small group faithfully ministering to their community.

1962 is a year of outreach in eight new centres.



"A GOOD RECORD"

Glen Waverley, Warracknabeal - Brim - Minyip Circuit and Balwyn North have all followed the good record of many predecessors in becoming self-supporting in 1962. With eight new centres assisted, and these three now self-supporting, it is indeed a good record of growth in the Department's activities.

Churches remaining on subsidy from 1961 have acquitted themselves well.

Maidstone (R. H. Patterson - minister) has reported twenty-seven baptisms this year. A Teenweek programme under A. A. Avery aided youth work.

Portland and Preston East saw the removal of their ministers, C. G. Henderson and T. V. Weir. Both brought their churches closer to self-support. Successors A. C. Male and T. Lane are showing similar initiative.

Morwell (L. G. Armstrong) is the last of this quartet of new projects commenced some years ago. From the Morwell membership a new church at Traralgon has been commenced and early development is encouraging. Services also continue at Newborough. The Circuit has maintained an excellent record, and again heavily reduced its subsidy.

Belmont has developed under M. D. Hamilton's leadership, and with recently acquired land, new buildings are contemplated. F. Langford will commence a ministry in 1963.



Croydon Chapel.

Croydon has a good record of achievement under W. J. Thomson's leadership. There have been additions to membership and attendances, and the subsidy was reduced.

Norlane (R. A. Banks, K. Edwards - student minister), under the sponsorship of Drumcondra, has grown into a virile work, and the churches recently conducted a joint Planned Giving Programme, with A. A. Avery. They now plan to call a second minister.

Burwood (H. J. Patterson) and Milleara (A. E. White and T. R. Mason - student) share real growth. They are two of the newer projects. Together their school enrolments approach four hundred, and rapid area development will speed church growth.



FIELD OFFICER A. A. AVERY AT WORK

Yes! the Field Officer is at work, and what a work it is! He has been leading Planned Giving Programmes and evangelistic missions.

Planned Giving.

The financial aim of one programme was £72 per week. The amount promised was £84, and for the first few weeks after this programme the

average was £91 — almost 100 per cent increase on previous average.

Put it this way. Prior to their programme, the total yearly income of seven churches was £13,156. The programmes lifted it to £24,336 — an increase of £11,180 per year.

What does this mean? As one minister put it, "The church has been released from captivity — not simply economic captivity, but spiritual captivity of blurred vision, defeated outlook, acceptance of status quo, contentment and mediocrity."

Dr. E. R. Killmier speaks of "increasing spiritual enthusiasm" in the Thornbury programme. "The focus on giving," he says, "was somewhat incidental. The main consideration was the urgent need for growth and development of the whole of life. This emphasis was constant and inescapable."

Evangelism.

These programmes are a form of evangelism. As Dr. Killmier says, "Christ creates life. Service activates life. Prayer undergirds life. Spiritual

development integrates life. And worthy gifts were aimed to involve the giver in those agencies of mature life." These programmes create evangelistic opportunity and stimulate that spirit of stewardship towards all our resources without which evangelism is not possible.

Churches which have sought the Field Officer's services for evangelism have experienced stimulating and fruitful times — 64 enlistments for Christ being recorded. One church secretary, in expressing appreciation, said of Mr. Avery, "We would always be willing to recommend him to anyone enquiring for a missionary." The minister of the same church said of the mission, "Its influence was strong and beneficial in many more lives than the eight who made the confession."

The Field Officer has also conferred with churches in regard to their work, suggesting techniques and programmes. The Department is happy to have Mr. Avery used in this important ministry in which he has proved himself both capable and effective.

TASMANIAN PROGRESS —

C. J. ORR, Tas. Sub-Committee Sec.

As you study a seed, do you appreciate the power that is contained therein? The mighty giants of a forest, the beauty of flowers, the food for a nation, all have their beginning in a seed. It contains a potential for life. Some develop rapidly, others have a slow steady rate of growth. Development is sometimes hampered because of the lack of proper preparation and cultivation; a continual fight for survival against numerous weeds and other growth.

So with the gospel. Many years ago the "seed" was sown in Tasmania. By careful, constant cultivation, some grew steadily. Some "seeds" had a mushroom growth in boom towns, served their purpose and have been gathered. Some flourished and blossomed early, but are now struggling amidst the surrounding growth to reach the sunlight. Others have had a very slow growth, needing much tender care and patient toil to bring them to full blossom.

These "seeds" have borne results because men had a vision to "Sow to Grow." More land is becoming available for cultivation. Have we the will and desire to sow the "seed"? The time has come for Home Missions to sow these fresh fields.

Sowing, reaping, harvesting, all require labor and finance. The "seed" is waiting. Will you provide the machinery and labor to "Sow to Grow"?

The work in Tasmania has been in three centres during the past year.

1. Nubeena - Highcroft - Kellevie

This field, now self-supporting, desires to remain under the Department. Although at present without a full-time man in the field, it is maintaining a good witness.

2. Devonport

The work here gives much joy as we view the progress. A spirit of service and sacrifice is evident in the outreach of the church. A new hall, valued at £12,000, has been erected

by some twenty men, so that a more effective witness may be made through youth work. Faith and work have developed the field to a state of near self-support. E. W. Taylor, by his inspiration and leadership, has been used and blessed in his labors.

3. Geeveston and Dover

This is our newest work. Opportunities present themselves as the area is developed as the centre of a great Paper Pulp industry. Two small congregations need help and guidance; workers in Bible School and Clubs; more adequate plant. N. C. Reese is to be commended for his approach to this difficult task.



A.P.M. Paper Mill under construction near Geeveston.

HERE AND THERE

We appreciate the co-operation of D. H. Smith, Associate Secretary, Vic.-Tas. H.M. Dept., in securing and arranging material used on the first seven pages of this special issue.

Melbourne T.V. viewers will be interested to know that the Explorer Programme, produced by the Christian Television Association of Victoria, will be featuring a special Boys' Sunday programme on Sunday, Nov. 11. The telecast will be on HSV 7 at 2.30. The programme has been prepared by the Boys' Club Auxiliary of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education. Many of our own boys will be seen.

The Hindmarsh (S.A.) Church of Christ is one of the oldest in the Australian brotherhood. In recent years an adult group has been included in the Sunday School programme. This adult group has become a very successful part of the Christian Education programme of the Hindmarsh church. Recently, growing out of the family emphasis the church is making in its programme, came a Family Camp. It was held at Longwood under the leadership of A. E. Cremin (minister), A. Palmer (leader of the Adult Group) and K. D. Horne (State Director). Miss C. Fooks (Dept. member) led the programme for the under 14's, and all who attended felt that this was a most successful venture.

We regret that two names were listed incorrectly under Discipleship and Fallen Asleep in the issue of Oct. 30. Miss E. Wilson (Malvern, Vic.) was placed in the Discipleship section instead of Fallen Asleep, and Mrs. Petran (Malvern, Vic.) was listed as Fallen Asleep instead of Discipleship. We apologise for the error and regret any consequent embarrassment.

The farewell service at Caulfield, Vic., for Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dixon, on Oct. 14, was a fine tribute to their consecrated service. Over 300 attended this service, and also the social gathering held afterwards in the hall, where a presentation was made on behalf of the church by G. W. Lees. G. K. Scambler attended on behalf of Conference, and the Ministers' Fraternal was represented by Mr. Kennedy. Each of the auxiliaries made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon. Mr. Clinton commenced his interim ministry on Oct. 21, and all services were well attended. After the evening service, a fellowship supper was given to welcome Mr. Clinton to the work here.

Friendship Month at Highbury-rd., Burwood, Vic., concluded, Oct. 27-28. Approximately 150 enjoyed a buffet tea at 6.45 on the 27th, when members and parents of B.S. scholars gathered in fellowship. Alan Rowe compered the evening from then on, providing entertainment of very high standard in his inimitable way. Miss Jean Milne was guest soloist and C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) spoke on the friendship of Christ in the home. Many of the parents lifted the attendance at the morning service on the 28th to approximately 120. H. J. Patterson (resident minister) addressed this Family Service on the subject, Jesus as our Guest, and the evening service on The Transforming Friendship. Many new friendships were formed, and good results should be seen in the future.

The Federal Secretary wishes to procure colored transparencies of groups, meetings, etc., of Federal Conference, for publicity purposes. If any would care to send same to Stanton H. Wilson, 16 Alverna-gve., Brighton, S.5, Vic., he would be grateful and would ensure the safe return of pictures sent.

I. Richer, at present ministering with the church at St. Kilda, Vic., has accepted a call to the church at Greymouth, N.Z., as from Jan., 1963.

D. A. Lewis, B.Sc., has been appointed S.A. Overseas Mission Secretary, in succession to M. C. Johnson. Mrs. Lewis was elected leader of the State Women's Overseas Mission Dept. at the September Annual Conference. We wish them both well in this sharing of missionary responsibilities. Communications on all S.A. Overseas Mission Dept. matters should be sent to their address: 9 Clisby-st., North Walkerville, S.A. (phone 65-3619).

Victorian ministers and their wives are reminded of their special night, arranged for Nov. 30, at 8 p.m., at the Churches of Christ Centre, Melb. There will be a basket supper.

Croydon (Vic.) experienced its first big Temple Day on Sunday, Oct. 28. Services were greatly helped by the singing of Miss Jean Milne and Val. Wolf. £515 was received for the Extension Fund, making a total of £800 for this fund since preparations for the day commenced and the Extension Fund was founded. The day was also kept up as the 89th anniversary of the church.

Six Christians, including a veteran legislator who was a leading layman in the former Japan Methodist Church, captured seats in the House of Councillors, the upper house of the Japanese Diet (Parliament) in recent elections. But the Soka Gakkai, one of the so-called "new religions" which have flourished in Japan since World War II, captured 15 seats, all its candidates being elected. The Soka Gakkai is a militantly evangelistic group of Buddhist background.

The church at Earlwood, N.S.W., has received with deep regret the resignation of G. Sloman, following a ministry in which both Mr. and Mrs. Sloman gave splendid service.

"There are more hungry people in the world today than at any time in recorded history," Dr. Binay Ranjan Sen, of India, Director General of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation said recently. Warning that "hunger is an international responsibility," Dr. Sen said that between 300 million and 500 million people suffer from under-nutrition, and that a total of 1,000 to 1,500 million people suffer from varying degrees of malnutrition.

A service from Wangaratta (Vic.) Church of Christ will be broadcast over 3NE on Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

College of the Bible Notes

1. It has been our pleasure to welcome many visitors to the College in recent weeks. These have been folk on their way to, or returning from, Federal Conference.

2. "My Gift for God's Work." With these few words written on a piece of paper, we have received frequent gifts over recent years from an anonymous friend. The envelope bears the postmark "Ballarat," and should this meet the eye of this kind friend, we voice a big "Thank you."

3. As indicated elsewhere in this issue, the fifty-sixth year of the College will draw to its close with the Graduation and Ordination service in Lygon-st. chapel on Friday, November 16. Walter J. Lantz will give the address.

4. L. J. Butler, who has been a member of the College Board of Management for many years, did not seek re-election at Federal Conference. Whilst understanding the reason for his retirement, we express regret and acknowledge our indebtedness for his ever-willing and able service to the College. E. F. Patterson, B. Comm., was elected to fill the vacancy. Son of our esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Patterson, he is a welcome addition to the Board.—K. A. Jones.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of Nov. 7, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

College of the Bible Notes. — The 1912 session draws to a close, with the students busily preparing for final examinations. At the annual demonstration in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday evening, 18th inst., a collection will be taken up in aid of the College Piano Fund. The College has again been privileged to supply a worker for the foreign field. Bro. A. B. Chappell, who has just left for the New Hebrides, was one of our first students at Rathdown-st. He has been with us ever since the opening. A farewell meeting was held in honor of his going.

Chapman-Alexander in Melbourne. — On the evening of Oct. 30, the Victorian C.E. Union welcomed the Chapman-Alexander party back to Melbourne after their tour through other parts of Australia. The meeting was held in the Exhibition Building, and though the charge for admission was a shilling, the concert hall and galleries were filled to their utmost capacity. The great choir, too, was there, and gave Mr. Alexander a splendid welcome when he ascended the rostrum to lead the singing. It was a good thing to see that great audience of young people so intensely interested in religious matters.

News From Here and There. — J. W. Marrows, of Wedderburn, Vic., writes: "The folk here believe they have a Bible Class that does things. 111 in attendance this afternoon. The class has averaged, through rain and shine, an attendance of 74 for the past 14 Sundays — that in a town of 1,200 people . . . The brethren of the church meeting at Albion, Qld., are making an effort to raise funds to erect a chapel, and have issued a circular letter of appeal . . . At the business meeting of the Glenelg, S.A., church, the following recommendations of the officers were endorsed: To send £2 to Bro. Jensen, Copenhagen; £4/4/- to Bible College; £2 to Federal Conference Fund; £2/12/- to Aged Preachers' Fund; to undertake the raising of £5,200 for a mission school and chapel combined at Daltonganj, India; to secure land for chapel building purposes at Brighton, our neighboring town; to enclose in the box of Christmas gifts sent by members to Daltonganj a complete communion set; to send for missionary camp utensils at Daltonganj, £2/10/- from the Dorcas Society . . . Kadina, S.A., reports that the church has raised the last £120 off the debt on the church building . . . The Maryborough-Bet Bet mission, Vic., closed Nov. 3 with 43 confessions.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

How does one become a minister? Sometimes I feel I would like to be a minister, but I am not sure enough. Would you write about a minister's call and training?

We often hear of some mysterious call that comes to those who are ministers. The terms "calling" and "vocation" are often used to describe a minister's task. It would be more accurate to think of the ministry as a "sending." God does call ministers, he calls everybody. But he doesn't call a preacher or a missionary or a chaplain in a way that is different from the call that comes to anybody else. Whether our gifts are many or few, God's call is to come to him through the gracious invitation of his Son, to receive his love and forgiveness, and to become a part of his Church.

After the call is accepted, then comes the sending. God sends people according to their abilities. There is no evidence that God gives us new abilities when we come to him. Paul was a leader of men before he answered the call on the Damascus road. He simply dedicated the gifts that were already his to a new purpose for the One who had called him. It was because of his consecrated capacities that God was able to use him.

While it is true that surrender to Christ brings no capacities, it is also true that in fellowship with him and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we discover capacities we did not know were there. They are not newly created, they are discovered or recovered. That is why training is so important. "You need not any man to teach you" is not a text which means that you have nothing more to learn. It does mean that there are some things which no man can teach you — the most important being your own personal experience of the presence of Christ. For other things, the strong word of the New Testament, the relationship between Jesus and the Twelve, and our own obvious need are all on the side of a need for training.

If you do feel the urge to enter the ministry of Christ, you are expected to give yourself to preparation for service and the development of all his gifts. The Church provides the means to study the Bible, our world, man and his wants, the Church, and all else that is relevant to representing God as his servant.

Next Week: More about a minister's call and training.

(Send Questions to the Editor).

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., OCT. 28. — After addressing the 80th anniversary service of the Brunswick church this morning, I stayed to share in the anniversary luncheon, served by ladies from our Moreland church — their anniversary gift to their neighboring church. It was a happy occasion, with many former members back for the day. At night I went to East Malvern, to speak at a combined church and B.S. anniversary. Here, for the third time in two weeks, I found a church rejoicing in a thankoffering of around £500 — in this case a hundred per cent rise on their target last year.

MON., OCT. 29. — I've been thinking of a phrase I came across today in a Lillian Smith novel, in which she has a minister saying, "The Church can be prison more easily than door." I linked this up with McEwan Lawson's words about "tramping around the prison-yard of our accustomed ideas." The tragedy is that our lack of faith and adventuring can make a prison out of a Church which, in the beginning, opened so many doors to new life that one of the first names given to its members was "followers of the Way."

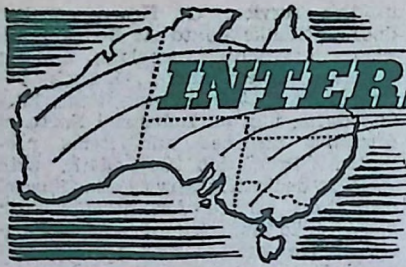
TUES., OCT. 30. — A birthday occasion, some family visitors and a free schedule added up to a happy, relaxing sort of evening.

WED., OCT. 31. — All kinds of invitations come for the President and his lady. One that interested us today was for the official opening of the National Guide Dog Training Centre in Kew on Saturday fortnight.

THURS., NOV. 1. — Coming near the end of Lillian Smith's novel, I found some probing words in the minister's confession, "Things to say and I had not said them . . . warnings to give and I had not given them . . . renunciations to make and I had not made them . . . always between me and the irrevocable commitment was the good guy; me, the good guy who didn't like to offend his friends, didn't like to stir up disunity in his congregation, didn't like to look at evil when it came too close — never wholly accepting the lonely, stark, uncharted mission that was mine . . . now and then showing a spurt of courage, catching a fleeting vision and finding a few words for it, now and then . . ."

FRI., NOV. 2. — I read again a letter which came the other day from an old friend, assuring me of his continued prayers. Letters like that mean a lot.

SAT., NOV. 3. — After lunch I drove to Red Hill, where I was afternoon and evening speaker at the district conference.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Mrs. Ramus, Peter and Martin Somic, Glen Waverley, Vic.

Ken. Douglas, Gary Pitts, Blackburn, Vic.

Aleta Hawkins, Louise and Carol James, Christine Barrymore, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Gregory House, Paul Perry, Parkdale, Vic.

Helen Shrubsch, Henley Beach, S.A.

David Strack, Warracknabeal, Vic.

Jean Patterson, Wangaratta, Vic.

Membership

John Loy, St. Kilda, Vic.

Marriage

Betty Hartnell to Baden Stanton, Wangaratta, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Judd, Wangaratta, Vic.

Mrs. H. A. North, Shepparton, Vic.

J. G. Solomon, Taree, N.S.W.

Mrs. Lemke, North Williamstown, Vic.

TASMANIA

Collins-st., Hobart. — Since Conference, Lord's Day services have been addressed by Miss J. Hunting (New Guinea), W. W. Saunders (Vic.), H. England and J. Park. All meetings well attended and several interstate visitors present. I.C.E. reports average attendance of 23. Speakers at gatherings have been K. Crawford (N.S.W.) and Miss Kerwin (Wycliffe Bible Translators). Colored film strip screened 28th. Most members took part in P.S.A. at Federal Conference. Church looks forward to coming of L. G. Cooke, Nov. 18.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Beaufort-st., Perth (R. Vincent - interim). — Church social evening Sept. 26 honored G. W. Elliott on

occasion of his 90th birthday. Sixty sat down to dinner prior to church half-yearly business meeting. Review of last half-year of church life was presented by sec., and financial situation outlined by treas. Annual C.W.F. fete realised £62. Last P.S.A. in current series held Oct. 14. Artists were B. McNess (Perth church organist) and Miss G. Thomas (flautist); speaker, Dr. K. Mortimer, Dept. Anatomy, W.A. University (a former Salvation Army missionary in Africa and India). B.S. anniversary tea, 19th, followed by social and presentation of prizes. B.S. anniversary on 21st focused attention on large increase in scholars during past year. Special singing by each section of school, and dialogue by primary scholars, together with special message by C. G. Flood, were features of afternoon. Mothers of Cradle Roll babies received spray of flowers and babies a card.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — Church welcomed Kevin Kilner back after several months away with Navy. He spoke at morning service, Oct. 14. B.S. picnic, 20th, at Nelson Park. Mr. Hiwale (India) p.m. preacher 21st. C.W.F. held meeting at San Souci in honor of Mrs. Hodgson, who has moved to North Ryde. Gift of remembrance was made to her.

Marrickville (M. Bedwell). — C.M.S. addressed by G. Thomas, who showed slides of visit to Soviet Russia as member of party of Aust. and N.Z. farmers. N. Hunter (B. & F. B. S.), at Missionary Life Gift Fellowship, screened *Modern Miracle in Borneo*. Fifteen car-loads enjoyed church outing at Kurnell, Oct. 1. Visiting a.m. speakers have been R. Beadle and G. Sloman. 125 attended Youtharama, 13th, with Mr. Black (Leigh College student) speaker, Seaforth Baptist instrumental and vocal group rendering items. Youth gospel service, 14th, addressed by D. Foletta. Half-yearly business meeting received encouraging reports from various depts. As part of prayer powered programme, chapel open for prayer, 10th, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. B. Bhonsle (Indian Fraternal delegate to Fed. Conf.) spoke at gospel service, 21st.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — During recent weeks five Y.P. baptised, two other decisions and several reconsecrations. 75 attended gospel service, Oct. 28. B.S. anniversary held 14th

and 17th was great success. Children sang beautifully. Messrs. Brown and Bolte brought addresses. Church congratulates Miss Lorraine Hunt, Dux of School. Street stall, held 18th, realised £58. Church has enjoyed addresses by P. E. Thomas and R. Morris. C.W.F. had happy exchange meetings with Granville and Padstow C.W.F.'s.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Henley Beach (S. E. Matthews). — Four members attended Federal Conference. During minister's absence, Mr. Pemberton (B. & F. B. S.), C. Stock (J.E.W.), Mr. Archbold (Sudan Mission) and F. Green took services. B.S. anniversary services at end of Sept. successful, as was annual picnic at the new Longwood picnic ground, Oct. 27. Church rejoices over good confession made by B.S. scholar. Church again planning open-air witness over summer months, when it is hoped to screen religious films on beach. Much prayer sought for this venture.

Strathalbyn (W. J. Philp). — Ladies' auxiliary had visit from Glenelg ladies, who supplied programme. Same day, Circuit C.M.S. held at Milang; guest speaker, L. Brune. B.S. held tea after Efficiency Campaign, winning team announced and evening concluded with film, *Tammy*. Ladies' auxiliary meeting, Oct. 4, addressed by Mrs. Wharton, representing B.S. dept. All meetings maintaining attendances. Sympathy extended to Mrs. N. Garwood in passing of father. Elderly lady made decision and was baptised, also one rededication. B.S. anniversary speakers, Oct. 21, J. Mildrum and F. Broadbent. Anniversary continued 22nd, with scholars' tea, prizegiving and demonstration. C.E. rally 27th; guest speaker, B. Pearce (State C.E. Pres.). Church had visit from B. Anderson (missionary on furlough, India), 28th.

VICTORIA

Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry). — B.S. concert, Oct. 12. On 18th, senior Good Companions held hike and barbecue. C.Y.F. held camp at Ferny Creek, 19th-21st, 45 campers sharing fellowship and studies. On 23rd, C.W.A.F. had Mrs. J. Gray show pictures of Mukti, India. Y.P.C.E. held barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Marchant, 24th. C.M.S. annual meeting elected R. Clarke, pres.; B. McFarlane, sec.; D. Reed, treas. 16 men

took part in working bee on 27th. Av. attendances for Oct., 183 a.m.; 93 p.m.; 143 comm. Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Potter (W.A.).

Prahran (T. H. Ede). — Speakers Oct. 7 were D. Triplett (M.B.I.) and S. R. Baker (B. & F. B. S.) After-church fellowship held and interesting film of work of Bible Society screened. Young men have won 3 out of 4 basketball matches. Oct. 28 brought to close two very successful B.S. anniversary services under direction of Mr. Waters.

Wangaratta (A. E. Stevens). — 35th church anniversary tea rich experience, Oct. 27, and again on Lord's Day, with G. S. Brown (Footscray) addressing all meetings. Church planning evangelical effort early in 1963. Young woman baptised and received into fellowship. Church sympathises with Mrs. Thomas in loss of mother. Visit of Miss Draney much appreciated, 29th.

Shepparton (T. A. Fergusson). — Visit of Indian delegates, B.H. Bhonsle and S. P. Hiwale, appreciated, as was visit of N.Z. representative, R. D. G. Russ, accompanied by R. Bolduan. Good attendance being maintained at monthly fellowship at Numurkah. Church expresses sympathy to relatives of late Mrs. H. A. North, and to Sis. Bowen, in loss of her mother. Good Companions held social evening and donated proceeds to Monbulk Chapel Fund and to fund for sending Bibles to India. In addition to weekly Budget offering, £31/17/2 has been average weekly addition to New Building Fund over period of past 9 months. Church 81st anniversary, Oct. 28, was well attended, when another inspiring address was heard from minister, with Miss Aileen Draney addressing gospel service. Special feature was array of flowers adorning chapel. Figures for day were: a.m., 125; p.m., 90; communicants, 128.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — B.S. anniversary at Spring Gully successfully celebrated, Oct. 14, with guest preacher, B. Pryor (Echuca). School promotion completed 21st. Dawn Houston, Jeanette Triplett and Russell Andrews welcomed to school staff. Delegation of four attended Federal Conference. Miss Aileen Draney (New Guinea) addressed missionary rally, Oct. 25.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — R. Russ (Wanganui, N.Z.) guest speaker at gospel service, Oct. 7. During minister's absence at Federal Conference, speakers were H. Steele and J. Wise. Former member, L. Fisher (now supt., Carnarvon Mission) spoke at Aborigine mission rally, 18th. Large crowd attended church family evening, 20th. Details of proposed stage extensions to hall were presented. Visitors over past weeks have been Mr. and Mrs.

Richardson and Mrs. Pickering (Hindmarsh, S.A.). C.M.S. annual meeting, 22nd, elected W. Jones, pres.; N. Newstead, vice-pres.; N. King, sec.; J. McPhee, treas. Temple Day services held 28th, when speaker at 11 a.m. was J. E. Brooke (Ringwood) and soloist, Mrs. L. Ford. As well as regular Building Fund giving of £1,900 over past 12 months, an amount of £552 was received on Temple Day.

Hartwell (G. A. Whiting, B.A., M.R.E., Ed.D.). — Reports at annual business meeting, held Oct. 24, showed church and auxiliaries in satisfactory condition. R. Tyler elected elder, R. Gitcham and D. Mansell, deacons. Special effort by C.W.F. on 26th, with sale of aprons and cakes, realised £100 for Building Fund; Eric Hancock, soloist. Eight church members attended Federal Conference. Mrs. Macfarlane and Mrs. White returned to church after being stationed at Canberra for 12 months, and B. Greenwood present after surgery. Recent visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bennett (W.A.) and Miss L. Turner (N.S.W.), now working with Gospel Recordings. R. Gitcham appointed sec. B.S. Hospital Sunday offering, £42/5/-. Soloist at gospel service, Miss S. Joyce.

North Williamstown (R. C. Bust). — Well attended p.m. service, Oct. 14, when film, *Singapore Story*, was screened. Congregation then formed into discussion groups to evaluate story of picture, then held fellowship hour, conducted by deacons. Sympathy extended to relatives of late Mrs. Lemke. Mr. and Mrs. Myerscough home again after period in hospital. Mr. McKay, snr., ill. Mrs. Shaw recovered from surgery. C.M.S. meeting addressed by L. Snow (Maidstone). C.W.E.F. birthday evening attended by over 100. Speaker from Inter-Church Aid, and film of that work screened. Senior Good Companions held Tupperware evening. Mrs. Rewell held gift stall and raised £35 for C.W.E.F. funds. Pre-gospel service prayer session commenced. Mrs. Mee given presentation prior to leaving district.

Redcliffs (S. K. Bannon). — C.W.A.F. held 30th birthday, Oct. 11, with 100 present. L. Rust (chaplain, Mildura High and Technical Schools) guest speaker. B.S. anniversary 21st, successful: singing excellent. Speakers, C. C. Knox (Methodist) and Mr. Rust. Mrs. Hensgen and Mrs. Bannon making good progress after surgery.

Warragul (G. A. Hearn). — B.S. anniversary, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7; senior school took part in afternoon and evening services; R. Brooker speaker. Kinder and primary depts. took part on afternoon of 7th. Speaker for this service was Mrs. P. Rouse. Cradle roll, kinder and primary received prizes. Senior scholars participated

in this service; G. Hearn speaker. Special thanks go to A. Fox for his work in teaching scholars, and to Misses S. Byard and L. Brough, accompanists. At prizegiving night, 12th, interesting film on *Industrial North of Australia* screened and items presented. Promotion Day, 14th, with teachers' dedication service a.m. Special dedication service for parents with babies held at close of a.m. service, 21st. Five families took part in service. Special guest service held p.m., when A.N.C.M. nurses' choir from West Gippsland Hospital, Warragul, took part in service. Clubs and auxiliaries represented. On 20th, annual Gippsland Field Day Conference held at Warragul. Luncheon held in hall, and owing to wet weather, afternoon meeting had to be held in chapel instead of on a nearby farm. D. Smith (Assoc. Sec. Home Mission Dept.) was guest speaker. Greetings were brought from sister churches. H. Preston presided over meeting.

Parkdale (P. Perry). — Two lads baptised at gospel service and received into fellowship following Sunday morning. Ladies' snowball meeting was held at home of Mrs. Waldron. "All day fair," held Oct. 20, great success. Each auxiliary of church worked for and manned a stall. Proceeds amounted to £305, which will go towards erection of new chapel. Minister and 12 members of C.Y.F., along with other Y.P. of Bayside churches, spent profitable time at Monbulk Camp, Oct. 26-28, returning in time for tea at chapel and attendance at gospel service. L. Smith (Explorer chief) a.m. speaker, 28th.

Wedderburn (M. Roberts). — All meetings improved and offerings up since commencement of new ministry. Mr. Finger (South Seas Miss.) visited church; £10 raised for work. Minister visiting all homes in district. B.S. has increased by 15 scholars. Minister conducted both services at St. Arnaud, Oct. 14. Members of church living at Charlton visited with view to commencing services there. Mr. Cooksey (New Guinea Bible translators) visited church 21st and screened film, *Unsheathed*. £10/10/- given for his work.

Clayton (J. L. Reid). — B.S. anniversary very well attended. K. Munyard ably led singing, and messages were brought by Messrs. Roberts, Clack, D. Uren and J. L. Reid. All sections reported progress at annual meeting, and minister witnessed to many spiritual blessings in church work. Church welcomed home Mr. and Mrs. Munyard, after 12 months' faithful work in New Guinea with U.F.M. B.S. appreciated talks from Samuel and Japheth; afterwards church enjoyed opportunity of renewing fellowship with them. Sickness is on wane.

St. Kilda (I. Richer). — Children's fun festival Oct. 8-13, was well worth hard work put into it, and all enjoyed themselves. One welcomed into fellowship, 14th.

Hampton (C. L. Smith). — Ladies' auxiliary celebrated birthday with luncheon, when over 90 guests enjoyed hospitality. B.S. anniversary speakers were W. R. Hibburt and Sis. Gwen Batterham, who illustrated her talk with slides showing work at Dhond Hospital. Concluding service was family night, when K. J. Clinton was speaker. Ladies' annual fete raised £190. Several members have had hospital attention during recent weeks.

Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland). — R. Barnes (Melb. City Mission) guest speaker for successful B.S. anniversary services, Oct. 21. Church hall crowded for concert and prizegiving, 22nd, when 20 scholars, including 11 from kinder, received special prizes for full attendances during year. Good Companions club attendances increasing.

Drumcondra (R. Banks). — Young lady baptised and received into fellowship at combined congregations of Drumcondra and Norlane. C.W.E.F. led meeting at Norlane, when Miss Dorothy Phillips screened films of native missionary work in W.A. On Oct. 3, members attended combined meeting at Latrobe-terr., when Messrs. Bhonsle and Hiwale, visiting Indian brethren, addressed meeting and told of their work. Meeting of C.W.E.F. at home of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Barnes, 16th. Mrs. Warry (C.W.A.) gave demonstration of arts and crafts and cookery. Ladies were guests at Latrobe-terr. Ladies' Aid birthday afternoon. Good attendances continue at Norlane for combined services. Transport for Drumcondra members is provided by private cars. Good progress being made on church buildings at new location. Men of church taking part in working bees each week. Sympathy of church extended to relatives of late Mrs. Lingney, also to Misses M. and H. Wiltshire, in their bereavement.

Yarrowonga (D. Russell). — For some years church has felt urgent need of B.S. hall. Special meeting agreed to go ahead with building. The hall and kitchen well under construction and great enthusiasm prevails. Mr. Purton is builder, with several church members assisting. Young married couple made good confession at a gospel service. Work progressing favorably.

Balwyn (L. F. Barker). — Festival of song and music enhanced 40th church anniversary, and grateful thanks given to C.E. Quartet and A. Haskell (song leader) at thanksgiving

service of Oct. 20, and to special soloists, Miss J. Milne and Miss F. Cowper, who sang at Sunday services. 183 communicants and many visitors and past members crowded chapel at a.m. service. A. Hurren (past minister) presided and readings were taken by past members. Stirring address by G. Moyes (Ascot Vale). After-church fellowship and supper enjoyed by all, concluding memorable services.

★ MISSIONARY NEWS

Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Settling In at Dhond

Dr. R. Williams.

We have arrived safely at Dhond, for which we are very thankful. We had a pleasant trip on the Stratheden — it was a bit rough before Fremantle, which made us several hours' late arriving there and cut down our time there. However, Dr. Michael, T. Banks, Kath. Taylor and several others met us, took us for a drive through Perth in the evening. Later, we went to the Gordons (W.A. Conf. President) to meet some others. Dr. Thomas was there and drove us back, so we had a brief opportunity to speak to him. I understand that they are coming out with Inez in January, and will be at language school with us. We had a pleasant trip across the Indian Ocean, making a call at the Cocos Islands. From Colombo to Bombay the weather was monsoonal, and we arrived at Bombay at 7 p.m. on Aug. 9 in a tropical downpour, and found Bombay very humid.

Bruce and Pat Coventry were there to meet us. Passport and other formalities took some time, followed by waiting for our baggage to be unloaded and finally being shepherded through Customs. Considering the quantity of gear we had, we were very lucky to get it through so expeditiously. Mr. Carr's assistance was valuable. Bruce had hired a truck to take the luggage to Dhond, and we had time then to catch a 12.45 a.m. train to Poona, where we had breakfast on the station, caught another train and arrived at Dhond about 11 a.m. There were a large number of the hospital staff there to meet us, including Win. Walker and Dr. Patil, and the Veals. To say the least, we were very glad to arrive and very grateful that it had been accomplished with so little trouble.

We have settled down here in the bungalow, have been for visits to Baramati and Shrigonda, and have met the folk there and seen the schools, churches and boarding homes.

All have made us very welcome, and have been most co-operative and helpful. We have been on language study for 8 weeks now — Aidesai is pundit for the Veals and ourselves. (The Veals have shifted to Dhond, in half of Win. Walker's bungalow, to facilitate our language study). We have all had a few minor upsets (health), but in general have kept pretty well.

BIRTH

NOWITZKE (Turner). — To Barry and Margaret, Station-rd., Sunnybank, Qld., a daughter — Bronwyn Helen — Oct. 10.

DEATH

SOLOMON. — On Oct. 21, at District Hospital, Taree, N.S.W., John Geoffrey, of 146 High-st., Taree, dearly loved husband of Mavis, loved father of Warren and Brian, fond son-in-law of Mrs. M. Wenk. Aged 48 years. "In God's care."

IN MEMORIAM

WHELAN. — Treasured memories of Joseph, loved husband of Florence Whelan, called Home, Nov. 9, 1938, at Chatswood, N.S.W. "Loved with everlasting love" (Rom. 8: 38, 39).

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SILVER WEDDING

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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; soloist, Lyle Williams; 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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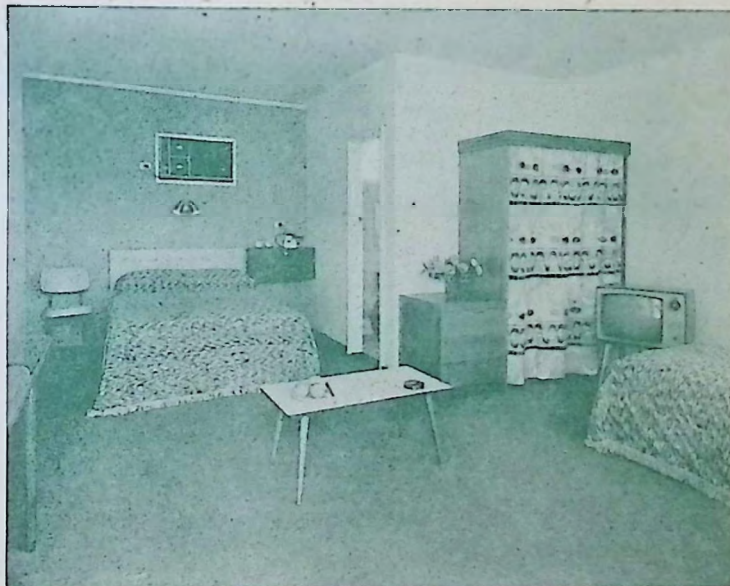
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OBITUARY

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Agnes Lamb.

Agnes Lamb received the Home call on Oct. 24, at the age of 89 years. Her association with Churches of Christ was a long one. Seventy-seven years ago she came to the Lord under the ministry of the late Stephen Cheek, and was baptised by him in a creek at Drummond, Vic. She was a quiet, gentle soul with a deep devotion to Christ, and a great love for the Church. For many years she was isolated and unable to worship with her brethren. For the last 12 years of her earthly pilgrimage she was associated with the church at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic., where she was greatly loved. Friends gathered to pay tribute, at a service held in the funeral parlors, and at the Springvale Crematorium. A long journey ended — "Home at last."—E. J. Miles.

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