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## “A Certain Word for Uncertain Days”

That was the theme of the Evangelistic Crusade conducted in the Christian Centre, Perth, Oct. 22-28, by our Western Australian brotherhood.

This was the first united brotherhood evangelistic effort held in the Centre, thus bringing to reality a further part of the vision in the minds of those who looked forward over the years to the erection of this building.

Meetings were held every night from Monday to Saturday, and on the final Sunday afternoon. Attendances ranged from just over 500 on the Monday to about 850 on the Sunday afternoon. There were nineteen decisions for Christ.

The evangelist was Geo. Wood, minister of the South Perth church. The choice of a missionary was an excellent one. His forthright, positive, challenging messages, delivered with a convincing sincerity and freedom, thrilled the large audiences night after night. Members and non-members alike were challenged and uplifted as the gospel was presented clearly and compellingly. *He Died That We Might Be Forgiven, Twice Dead, The Second Coming of Jesus, The Unsaved Believer, The Sound of Marching, What Happens to Those Who Stay Out After Midnight?*—these subjects indicate the positive emphasis on the gospel message. They also brought a vital stirring in the hearts and minds of all Christian folk, who were confronted again with the glories and responsibilities of the Christian life.

The Associate Missioner and song-leader, J. W. Gordon (W.A. Conference President), not only led the committee in planning and presenting the whole campaign; he also led the congregational singing with a naturalness and earnestness which set the tone for the meetings.

The choir, never less than seventy voices, under the leadership of C. M. Nelson, made a loyal (many were there every night) and valuable contribution to the Crusade. The soloist, Miss Lesley Isaac, sang each night preceding the address, and her messages were always well chosen and beautifully sung. Special mention must be made of Le Donaldson at the piano and B. McNess at the organ.

The Organising Committee, with G. Smith as its efficient secretary, was



Geo. Wood.

well served in its various departments of counselling (A. Morris), prayer (H. Fitch), ushering (L. Burton), building arrangements (W. Calladine), and all teams operated very smoothly. The thankoffering of £230 on the Sunday afternoon should just about cover the campaign expenses.

In every way the Crusade has proved to be a cause for real thanksgiving. It has been a satisfying use of the Christian Centre; 19 souls were won to the Lord Jesus Christ; a clear and positive witness and presentation of the Christian gospel was made in the city of Perth, and the whole brotherhood, united in this combined evangelistic effort, has received a real uplift and blessing.

Floral decorations at the Centre during the Crusade were arranged by Mrs. Black and Mrs. Moignard for the Women's Auxiliary, and their help was much appreciated.

We praise God for his goodness and manifold blessings.—G. A. Ewers.

## Eightieth Anniversary Brunswick, Vic.

Special services on Sun., Oct. 28 marked eighty years of witness in the district by the Church of Christ at Brunswick, Vic.

At the morning service, C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) brought greetings from Conference, and also gave the message. Three former members led in the communion service — J. Roberts (Coburg) presided and G. Woolley (Burwood) and J. Greaves (Hartwell) were the readers. Les. Stewart gave two appreciated solos. The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Taylor) were present.

After the morning service, members and friends shared in a reunion dinner, served by ladies from the sister church at Moreland. Past members present included Bert Crowley, a former secretary of the church. Present also were four members of the present congregation who have been in membership for fifty years or more.

At an enjoyable P.S.A., a programme was given by the “Never Get Lonely Concert Party.” This was followed by the Anniversary tea, attended by a good number, including some who could not be present in the morning.

The gospel service at 7 p.m. concluded a great day's fellowship. R. Burns (minister) gave the address, and was assisted by four young men from Gardiner, who brought two messages in song.

The church is grateful to God for the eighty years of witness and for a great day of fellowship.—A. Marsh, sec.



# OPEN FORUM

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.).

## FEDERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

I note the decision of the recent Federal Conference at Hobart, listed under clause G. 1, 2, 3 (as recorded on p. 661, A.C., 23/10/62), which limits all business to be discussed to that of which notice has been given in writing to the Executive six weeks before Conference, specifically excluding all business involving financial appeals to the churches except that notified to State Executives three months prior to Conference, and approved by them.

The passing of this resolution now means that the Christian Board of Education and the South Canberra appeals cannot be placed before the churches. Due notice of three months and approval of State Executives was not given, and Conference ruled that this rule come into effect immediately. This emphasises the folly of such a rule in our Constitution.

I am seriously disturbed by a spirit in our brotherhood whereby our State and Federal Conferences are ceasing to be Conferences of churches and are becoming Conferences of Departments. Departments must realise that they are the servants, not the lords, of the churches. It is time to ask Departments to trust the good sense and Christian spirit of the churches. By this new rule, Federal Conference is effectively ham-strung by a restrictive Constitution which will prevent any Conference from being an instrument of the Holy Spirit, except if he cares to work three months ahead, and has the approval of State Executives.

Where are we heading? Where do our churches come into this scene? Who are we to suggest that God can only work through Conference if State Executives approve what he wants done?

It is high time for our churches to take a hand, to remove restrictive Constitutions on Conferences, and to turn our State and Federal Conferences into constructive conferences of churches, instead of places where all business to be discussed is decided by State Executives, which have no New Testament authority to restrict the voice and decisions of churches. — H. G. Norris, Koongarra Park, S.A.

## FEDERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

The Editor has permitted me to peruse Mr. Norris' letter — presumably because I am Secretary of the Federal Conference at which the motions referred to were passed by majority vote of the 130 official representatives drawn from the six Australian States and the A.C.T.

While no one will dismiss lightly Mr. Norris' comments regarding "constructive conferences of churches," he is quite in error in saying that "The passing of this resolution now means that the Christian Board of Education and the South Canberra appeals cannot be placed before the churches."

In the first place, Federal Conference in Hobart did not give permission to the Federal Board of Christian Education to place an appeal before the churches. On the contrary, it gave the Board permission to complete, by July 1964, the appeal for £10,000, which appeal was constitutionally authorised in Perth in 1960, and has been in progress ever since. This was made quite clear in the discussion which preceded the passing, in Hobart, of this motion referred to. It was not a motion to launch a new appeal, but a motion to terminate an existing one.

Secondly, regarding "the South Canberra Appeal," there is no such appeal in existence, nor was permission ever sought by, or given to, the Federal Executive to establish such an appeal. The text of the motion is "that this Conference approves of the Federal Executive giving Federal Home Evangelism financial support for the establishment of a Church of Christ in South Canberra." This is (as was made clear in Conference, preceding this motion) the approval of Federal Conference for some of our regular Federal Home Evangelism income to be allocated to help the South Canberra project in a similar way to our allocating some of our regular income to helping in North Queensland, which latter programme, readers will remember, has been in operation for the past seven years.—Stanton H. Wilson, Federal Secretary.

(The two letters on Federal Conference resolutions were both edited to conform to our 300-word limit for "Open Forum."—Ed.).

A letter from Mrs. L. Fisher (Carnarvon Mission, W.A.) tells of her delight at receiving (in response to her A.C. request) from Ballarat, Vic., through Mrs. Morris, a small organ suitable for her outdoor sessions with Aboriginal children. Already the organ is proving a valuable asset, and is a favorite with the children.

## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Nov. 14, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Federal F.M. Sec. Visits Baramati, India. — On Sat., Sept 28, we drove from Diksal to Baramati, a distance of 18 miles, in the Mission tonga, with Miss Tilley as a companion. On the outskirts of the town stands the Magarey bungalow, the chapel, the weaving house, and the native Christian homes. One is struck with the contrast they present to the town. The bungalow is a roomy and beautiful building, surrounded with trees, shrubs and many-colored flowers. The whole compound has a cheerful, inviting appearance, and is like an oasis in a desert. The open-air preaching service in the centre of the town had its odd as well as its serious side. Eight Christians spoke and sang, and a goodly number of passers-by formed an interested audience. A sacred cow was also walking about among the audience. There are twelve of these in Baramati, and they are fed by all as an act of worship. Goats also made themselves at home.—T. B. Fischer.

Items of Church News. — On Sat. afternoon, the brethren at Albion, Qld, formed a bee and kalsomined the hall, which now possesses a more attractive interior . . . Port Pirie, S.A., reports that there have been good times at the tent mission at the South church, twenty decisions being recorded up to date. The Pirie South church will be constituted on the 10th inst., and there promises to be a good number of foundation members . . . On Oct. 28, at the home of Sister Warboy, the church at North Richmond, Vic., tendered a complimentary social to Bro. and Sister Ethelbert Davis, over 80 being present. The chief item of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful inscribed marble clock with a cathedral gong . . . The opening of the tennis court in connection with the Henley Park (S.A.) church and Bible School was performed on Sat. afternoon, Nov. 9, by T. J. Gore, who afterwards played the first set with H. J. Horsell . . . At the Brim (Vic.) B.S. anniversary on Nov. 3, in the afternoon the children were specially addressed on the duty of filial obedience, and in the evening the Blessedness of Early Piety was earnestly insisted on . . . The Victorian Home Mission rally in the Masonic Hall was really a fine meeting. The speeches were above the usual, and the choir, under the leadership of Nat Haddow, gave selections.

Baptists - Churches of Christ. — A paper by H. H. Jeffs (Baptist) was read at the first meeting of representatives of the two bodies, held in Melbourne. A. R. Main's paper for Churches of Christ was presented at the second meeting.



## • GUEST EDITORIAL

R. V. LONGTHORP, Assoc. Director, D.C.E., Vic.-Tas., writes . . .

*Beginnings of an Adventurous Faith*

Boys' Sunday this year will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 18, and the sponsors would focus our thinking around the theme, *Add-Venture — And Really Live!* The theme is a good one. It is appropriate for the living of these days. It echoes the words of our Lord as recorded in John's Gospel, "I am come that ye might have life, and have it more abundantly."

Of course, no healthy boy ever needs to be asked to "add-venture" to living! He has venture built into his very being. Many mothers would breathe easier if their sons had less capacity for dare-devil adventure. By all means bid the jaded adult to "add-venture," but surely this advice is lost on the boy who balances on a cliff-top by a whisker; who races a tram down the hill on his "bitzer"; who can be depended upon to locate the one loose picket in the fence which gives him free admittance to the footy match; whose skin has so strong an affinity with dirt, cuts, scratches, bruises, grease, etc., etc. (mothers can complete the list).

Adventure comes naturally to the boy — and let's thank Heaven for this, because in all too few years the boy becomes a man, and in these days God needs men who are prepared to adventure. This is an adventurous age. The eyes of the world today are lifted above the hills to the stars — thanks to the astronauts. The coming generation must be composed of men and women of courage and of an adventurous faith if they are to be able to withstand the fears and despairs produced by the sabre-rattling of the great nations. But still the greatest challenge they will face will be the conquest of inner space and the achievement of inward poise and peace. This kind of achievement, which in the ultimate is the only achievement fully worthwhile, demands persons of faith and courage.

The message of Boys' Sunday is more a message to parents and to all those adults who minister to young people; and because it is the adults who so largely determine the kind of faith which the boys of today possess when they become the men of tomorrow, we must make sure that the foundation of faith is well and truly laid in the lives of boys. How can we do this?

Dorothy Fritz in her fine book, *The Spiritual Growth of Children* (West-

minster Press), shares with us all these helpful insights. "The child," she says, "needs to be loved and to love." "The child must know that love exists. The first and best place for obtaining this assurance is in the family." It is this love, she continues, which "will . . . give him the ability to know Christian love when he sees it, and provide his first avenue of response to that love." This love offers him the kind of security he needs for real living, so that he can reach out into life, unafraid and not withdraw. "A child absorbs fear, insecurity, and lack of faith from those about him, even though these negative attitudes may not be put into words. In the same way, the child absorbs faith and trust." This faith enables him to reach out into the unknown — where he can cope with death, disappointment, fear and wrongdoing.



The writer adds, "Every child needs to be sure that his parents (or those who take the place of his parents) like him for himself, just the way he is." The child needs to be accepted. This does not mean approving of wrongdoing or being indulgent to the child. Rather does it mean that in all of life's experiences, the child will never feel himself outside the boundaries of love and forgiveness.

Then Richard Lentz in his little book, *Christian Growth in Family Life*, adds some important words to those we have already been considering. Writing about the child's understanding of God he says, "God becomes real to children through the love and example of those nearest them. The key to children's concept of God is most likely to be what they hear and see exemplified in their parents." He concludes, "Children can

never fulfil the promise of the nursery and attain their full stature without a vision of God." May all who have a hand in shaping the vision of the boy take heed to their responsibility — that the vision they impart be wide in its sympathies, deep in its love, full of courage and adventure, joyous, clean and free.

The vision our boys need — indeed, the vision all of us need — is that of the "strong young Man of Galilee." When we add Christ to life, we add venture to living. We will use Boys' Sunday wisely when we direct the boys' attention to him whose whole life was a glorious adventure for God and a courageous ministry for his world, who lived to the full every second of every minute of every hour of every day. How refreshing — and daring! — is Miss Dorothy Sayers' picture of Jesus:

"It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround him with atmosphere of tedium. We have very efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him 'meek and mild', and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious people. To those who knew him, however, he in no way suggested a milk-and-water person; they objected to him as a dangerous fire-brand. True, he was tender to the unfortunate, patient with honest inquirers and humble before Heaven, but he insulted respectable clergymen by calling them hypocrites; he referred to king Herod as 'that fox'; he went to parties in disreputable company and was looked upon as 'a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners'; he assaulted indignant tradesmen and threw them and their belongings out of the Temple; he drove a coach-and-horses through a number of sacrosanct and hoary regulations; he cured diseases by any means that came handy, with a shocking casualness in the matter of other people's pigs and property; he showed no proper deference for wealth and social position; when confronted with neat dialectical traps, he displayed a paradoxical humor that affronted serious-minded people, and he retorted by asking disagreeably searching questions that could not be answered by rule of thumb."

Show this Christ to boys. This they can understand — to this they will respond.



# Women's Tenth Federal Conference

held in the City Hall, Hobart, Tasmania, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1962, at 9.55 a.m.

In spite of the inclement weather, 500 sisters from all parts of Australia, together with visiting missionaries, and sisters from New Zealand and U.S.A., gathered in the City Hall for the morning session of Women's Conference. The platform was beautifully decorated by the convener of the Floral Committee, Mrs. F. J. Wise, and her Committee.

After the singing of the National Anthem, the President, Mrs. C. B. Holt, led in prayer for the Queen, Royal Family, and all nations.

Mrs. Holt declared the Women's Tenth Federal Conference open, and introduced Mrs. G. V. Haigh (Qld.), as the leader of morning devotions. The hymn, "O Thou Who Camest From Above," was sung. Mrs. Haigh's message was based on the day's theme.

Mrs. Holt then extended a welcome to all sisters to Conference. Mrs. E. W. Roffey (N.S.W.) responded on behalf of the visitors, and thanked the Tasmanian sisters for the way they had been made to feel at home.

Roll Call of delegates was answered by 43 sisters from all States. An apology was received from Mrs. J. M. Bull (S.A.), after which the congregation sang the first verse of the hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

## REPORTS AND BUSINESS.

**Executive.** — After the adoption of this report, Mrs. C. Digwood (W.A.) paid tribute to the Secretary, and thanked her for her work over the past two years. Mrs. Holt also thanked Miss G. Dixon, and on behalf of the Women's Conference presented her with a copy of The Amplified Version of the Old Testament, Part 2. Mrs. L. C. Moore thanked Mrs. Holt for her work and service, and presented her with a copy of The New English Translation of the New Testament on behalf of the Women's Conference, and with a basket of flowers from the Federal Council. Both Mrs. Holt and Miss Dixon suitably responded, thanking the Council and all sisters for their help, prayers and good wishes. Miss Dixon also thanked Mrs. D. Hartam (Asst. Sec.) for her valuable assistance.

**Finance** — Mrs. S. H. Cooper (Treas.), in her statement, showed balance in hand, Jan., 1961, £201/6/5; receipts, £911/6/6; expenditure, £640/7/10 — balance, July, 1962, £472/5/1.

**Missionary Education** — Mrs. C. Neville (Editress of Women's Page of The Australian Christian) expressed her gratitude for having been given this opportunity of service, and thank-

## Theme: "His Church for Women of Our Time"

ed all who had supplied articles. Mrs. Livingstone (W.A.) spoke in appreciation of the Women's Page.

**W.C.W.F.** — This report was presented by the Australian representative, Mrs. L. E. Wylie (N.S.W.), who thanked sisters in all States for the Project Books on monthly Prayer Topics and for posters on Haiti, that made up the W.C.W.F. Display at this Conference. Mrs. Wylie urged all sisters to remember in prayer not only members of our W.C.W.F., but all sisters throughout the world. The W.C.W.F. hymn was then sung, after which Mrs. Wylie led in prayer.

Mrs. Holt introduced Mrs. L. Hanham, President of the Christian Women's Auxiliary, New Zealand, who thanked all for the welcome she had received, and brought greetings from New Zealand sisters and told something of the women's work there.

**Recommendations** endorsed by the Council concerned the most suitable day for Women's Conference; increase in number of delegates in each State; and questionable forms of gambling devices, such as spinning wheels, being used in some T.V. children's programmes. There was also a reminder to all States regarding the transmission of College of the Bible monies.

**Aborigines Session** — Mrs. E. B. Clapp (W.A.) brought greetings and gave news of the work at Mooroopna under the leadership of Sonny Graham; at Fitzroy under D. Nicholls, and at Norseman under D. Dewing. Mrs. Clapp then read a letter from Mrs. L. E. Fisher, telling of the work at Carnarvon.

**Highlight Reports** of State work from Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Canberra followed.

The morning session ended with prayer, led by Mrs. A. R. Jones (S.A.).

**The Afternoon Devotions** were brought by Mrs. N. Newham (Vic.). The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung. The message was based on Christ's prayer, pleading for unity of purpose (John 17).

Mrs. L. C. Moore, Vice-President, welcomed all sisters to Conference, and in particular, our speaker, Mrs. W. Lantz, of Indiana, U.S.A.; our soloist, Mrs. Beth Brown; missionaries and representatives from other churches and organisations, namely: Church of England, Baptist Auxiliary, Congregational Fellowship, Methodist

Federation, Presbyterian Association, United Brethren Assemblies, Y.W.C.A., W.C.T.U., Women's World Day of Prayer and National Council of Women. Deaconess Tress (Women's World Day of Prayer) responded on behalf of visitors and brought greetings from Ephesians 3: 16.

Greetings were read from Miss Helen Maiden (New Hebrides); Carnarvon Mission sisters; Miss Dorothy Butler (Federal Living Link); Tungabhadra Bhonsle (for C.W.F., Dhond, India); Miss Win. Walker (India); Mrs. A. L. Reid (First Federal Women's President); Mrs. L. Street (Ivanhoe, Vic.); and N.S.W., Qld. and Tas. State Conferences.

**Overseas Missions.** — The following sisters brought greetings and highlights of their particular spheres of service: — Mrs. Dorothy Heard (India), Sister Pauline Jones (New Hebrides), Miss Aileen Draney and Sister Janet Hunting (New Guinea). Mrs. Holt mentioned the presence of Mrs. M. Brett, from Carnarvon Mission Station. The hymn, "Choose Ye To Serve," was sung, after which the solo, "O My Redeemer," was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Beth Brown.

Mrs. Holt welcomed Mrs. W. Lantz, of Indiana, U.S.A., who brought a fine and challenging address entitled, "His Church For Today's Woman," using as the basis for her talk the following litany, prepared in July, 1942, by a group of young people in U.S.A.

## "DELIVER ME FROM THIS HOUR!"

This hour, when world-wide hatred, greed and bloodshed separate nation from nation.

This hour, when the color of a person's skin punishes him for living in thy world.

This hour, when superiority and smugness narrow the fellowship of thy people.

This hour, when millions are untouched by thy love.

This hour, when Christians are neglecting other Christians because of their parentage.

This hour, when men corrupt their bodies and minds by habits of drinking and other vices.

This hour, when a person's social standing comes before his character.

This hour, when many so-called Christian people have found the price of a new society too great to pay.

This hour, when people want to follow man's way instead of God's.



**"Deliver us from this hour!"**

For this hour came I into the world.  
That nations may care more for the people within their borders than the land they possess.

That color may touch color and find brotherhood.

That circles of fellowship may include those whom many find difficult to love.

That men may use their bodies as temples of thy Spirit.

That men may value persons for what they are instead of what they own.

That men may be willing to give themselves for a new world they may never live to enjoy.

That all barriers separating man from man and man from thee may be broken down, and the whole world restored to fellowship with thee.

That all men may have life and have it more abundantly.

Father, for this hour came I into the world — that thy will may be done and thy Kingdom come.

An offering was received for women's work, amounting to £40/11/-. Mrs. D. Hartam (Tas.) led in offertory prayer.

The anthem, "Seek Ye The Lord," was beautifully rendered by Hobart sisters, Mesdames M. Heard, D. Davis, J. Cooper, C. Hemmings, G. Moore and R. Monson.

Highlight Reports of State work were presented from Qld., N.S.W. and Tasmania.

Mrs. Holt thanked Mrs. M. Stevens (Launceston) for being so willing to be our organist for the day, also Mrs. A. W. Gilbertson for having prepared the worship table.

Mrs. G. R. Stirling (Canberra) expressed thanks to the President and sisters in Tasmania for all that had been done to help make Women's Day a success.

The Afternoon Session, attended by 550 sisters, was closed in prayer by Mrs. A. W. Gilbertson (Tas.).

Miss Dixon was responsible for securing signatures from 350 sisters for the Women's Federal Conference Autograph Book.

The Public Rally in the evening was attended by 945 people, and graciously presided over by the Women's Federal Conference President, Mrs. C. B. Holt.

As it was not officially announced until the following day where the location of the next Federal Conference would be, it was not possible to announce the Incoming Executive Officers of the next Federal Council.

However, this was done at the evening rally on Friday, Oct. 12. Mrs. C. B. Holt, Past-President, announced that the Incoming Executive officers were as follows:— President, Mrs. H. McLane; Vice-President, Mrs. W. S. Hoens; Sec., Mrs. H. W. Wiltshire; Asst. Sec., Mrs. S. E. Smith; Treas., Mrs. G. V. Haigh; and Members, Mrs. W. Giezendanner and Mrs. E. W. Potter. Mrs. Holt then led in a dedicatory prayer for these sisters. Location and time: Brisbane, Qld., 1964.

**DEVOTIONAL.**

Jesus told this parable at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, for a particular purpose. The multitude flocked to see him, and many had followed him from place to place. They hung on every word, and were stirred by his compelling message. No doubt they returned home full of enthusiasm for this new prophet, and repeated his stories to their eager listeners.

But I wonder how many of that crowd thought over the parables Jesus told, looking for the meaning in the message.

If we read the preceding two chapters of Matthew, which contain the Sermon on the Mount, we will see the wealth of teaching that Jesus gave at that time. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," "Love your enemies," "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." So Jesus concluded with this parable as a lesson to them that knowledge of the truth brings with it the responsibility of obedience.

Jesus likened the obedient listener to a wise man who built his house on the rock, who sought out a safe site, and dug his foundations deep. So let us dig deep for the truth, and knowing that of ourselves we can do nothing, lay our foundation of faith in him. Having put our confidence in his promise that "none shall pluck them from my hand," we may rest secure in the time of storm that will surely come.

The disobedient hearer is the foolish man. And there are many today who build their lives on superficial morality and self-righteousness. But when the time of testing comes, their trite clichés are but shifting sands. The tragedy is that so many of these "foolish" ones have been to Sunday School and church, and have been brought up within the sound of the gospel, but they are "hearers only," and have never come to an end of themselves and a beginning with Christ.

We notice that the Lord does not indicate the type of house that was built. So in our lives, it makes no difference what our outward circumstances are, whether rich or poor — it is our foundation that counts. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

**HYMN.**

No. 429, "O Safe To The Rock."

**MISSIONARY NEWS.****MISSIONARY PRAYER.****BUSINESS.****ADDRESS.****HYMN.**

No. 211, "The Church's One Foundation."

**BENEDICTION.****THE MINISTRIES OF OUR****Programme for Dec.****Theme:**

**"The House On The Rock And The Sand"**

**MEDITATION.**

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer. The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge; my Saviour, thou savest me from violence.

"I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

"For who is God save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God?" (2 Sam. 22: 2-4, 32).

**HYMN.**

No. 425, "My Hope Is Built."

**PRAYER.**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whom alone our hearts find rest and peace; we beseech thee to reveal thyself to us in this hour of worship. Pour down upon us thy spiritual gifts, and grant that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which thou hast given us to do.

O God, the Protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou, being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

**READING.**

Matthew 7: 24-29.



# SOUTH AUST. NEWSLETTER

## NEW CHURCHES . . .

are always news! In the last year, two have commenced around Adelaide. In December last, Windsor Gardens commenced in the Follett home, and has been a model of loyalty. Under the motherly guidance of the Nails-worth church, the small group has planned wisely. Now they announce that the first unit of their building programme will go up, and almost immediately a £10,000 plant will be erected. The builder will be Mr. Follett, in whose home the church meets. The area adjacent is developing rapidly, and teems with children.

On Nov. 4 (in Home Mission month!) the church at Christies Beach was constituted. This is the district south of the city where the great oil refinery is being built. Heavy housing is in course of erection. Already about 20 of our people are meeting in the Mullins, home. The local folk have presented them with a challenging problem — will you start a Sunday School in your home? Pioneers do not thrust this kind of thing aside!

We now have word that the Berri church has canvassed the town of Waikerie, and has set up the Lord's Table in that town. If this materialises, it will result in 5 churches in the Upper Murray.

## NEW ENGAGEMENT.

The Department of Christian Education announces that Keith D. Horne as accepted a further term of 5 years. This is a pleasing announcement, for "K.D." (as his young people all call him) has built himself a fine niche in the life of the brotherhood. This State has been most fortunate in its choice of Youth Directors through the years, and none more selfless and consecrated than Keith Horne.

## NEW REST HOME . . .

at Glandore is now going up rapidly. This is a £200,000 venture, which our Social Service Department and Rest Home sub-Committee are involved in. It is expected that almost 100 people will be provided for in the homes. Built on the cottage scheme, with an infirmary, it will be something of real value to the State, as well as to the brotherhood.

## NEW BUILDINGS . . .

are still being erected. The recent picture in this paper of the Pt. Pirie buildings shows a contemporary approach which is most attractive. Then Clovelly Park has to build a further structure to house a growing work. Brooklyn Park has decided upon a new youth unit, and this is a £9,500 venture. So much in the way of volunteer labor is going into it that the overall cost will present quite a figure.

E. P. C. Hollard.

The newer church at Keith is now ready to build, and will have its own chapel instead of meeting in a local hall.

Not all of these have been helped by the League of 1,000, but some have received their love gift of over £1,000. The League is a vital part of our building development, and through the years about £18,000 has been given at £1 per two calls a year. Many a church can thank God for these good people among the churches who are sharing in their buildings. Just now Windsor Gardens is the recipient of the League call.

## PERSONALS.

Our State brotherhood lost a great soul in the passing of Albert McGlas-son, of Glenelg church. He was Conference President and a General Executive member for many years. "Brother Mac" was loved by a multitude.

Yet another trainee in S.A.! K. J. Patterson, of Balaklava, moves to Perth for the important post of Home

Mission Director. He is one of our younger men, with exceptional training and abilities.

Many will recall the Ira Durdins, and rejoice with them in a recent Golden Wedding anniversary. Both are hale and hearty.

And many will have vivid memories of B. W. Manning! Recent illness has put the evergreen Bart out of business, but we are glad to report improvement in health. There is a similar report on Mrs. G. T. Fitzgerald, who is now improving.

It has been good meeting Dr. and Mrs. Geoff. Whiting after their several years in America. Their ministry among youth in this State was most rewarding.

The writer has just commenced his fourth year as "The Wayfarer," the nightly closing session on 5 AD-PI-MU-SE, and is concluding 11 years as Home Mission Organiser.

Fraternal delegate to Federal Conference from New Zealand, Roger Russ, from Wanganui, has visited with us and spoken at Unley and Maylands churches. It was pleasing to have him with us.



## A Letter from Miss Ruth Roberts

Since I wrote you last, we have been enabled more or less fully to resume the preaching programme in the village of Baramati, and in Bhigwan also. I feel that God is opening up opportunities in the direction of being able to touch the outlying villages from Bhigwan. Last week a couple of evangelists came and expressed their willingness to come with me for a few days on tour of these villages. So we trust that we may be able to go next week. It is more or less the rainy season at present, so we cannot do anything about camping, but can use the Compound as our springboard and go to the villages on the tarred road this time.

My thoughts have been led, this last month, towards the need of the preparation of the evangelist himself, to be a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. The first compelling need one feels in seeing teeming millions, without God and without hope, is that the gospel should be preached to them. The second equally vital thing, is that Christ

should be clearly manifested to those who hear, so that the Spirit will be able to take up the spoken word and use it to convict of sin, of righteousness and judgment. We were very happy, last Saturday evening, to be able to go to the place where buses empty their passengers and folk sit in tea-shops, and where there is usually a congregation of other people. Our stand was where the hawkers sit all day with their wares, and others play games of chance and gamble with those who will while away hours, while waiting for the buses. Many of the folk listened willingly to the gospel, and took Gospels and correspondence courses. The next day, while I was waiting for the Baramati bus in the same place, I met a Muslim ex-wrestler, whose photo Ray Veal had taken the week previously, rolled up in his horse tonga. He asked about this, and began to reminisce on Mr. Escott, whom he remembered as a little boy, and of the mischief he had tried to play on him; of the time he was attended by Dr. Michael in Dhond Hospital — he had given all the nurses bangles on

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departure and used to attend staff prayers daily. I asked him if he had believed on the Saviour he had heard of when there, and this gave an opportunity to speak, and give Gospels, to the other people assembled. As the people separated, I heard him telling one man with great authority that it was true that there was but one God. (No mention of the Saviour, of course — he, with two wives, had sunk in the sin of the world). As he drove off, he gave himself a pat on the back, saying that it was because of him that the people had gathered.

As for that tailor, who took a Gospel some weeks ago, and who expressed a desire to come for "debate", I find that he is a practiser of Yoga, which is a physical exercise and meditation combined. They screw themselves into all kinds of knots to help them "to concentrate on God," and become very proud of their "holiness" as a result. It is probably good for the health, but is another means of Satan to deceive man and keep him from the Saviour. He has gone off to the annual pilgrimage to Pandharapur — to bathe in the Bhima River and fall at the feet of the idol (this is called "taking a vision of God"). Another resident of Bhigwan, a lad of 17, with two awful abscesses on his back, whom I have been trying to persuade to have them opened by a doctor, has gone also.

We saw crowds of these pilgrims on the road the other day. Hundreds of people before and after, but the people immediately following and preceding the cart containing the idol sang to it and clanged cymbals as they walked. I would covet your prayers particularly for encouragement of spirit to go on undaunted in the preaching of the gospel. It is part of the battle against the "prince of the power of the air" to feel intense oppression and fear at times.

"Stand therefore . . . having the whole armor of God . . . and having done all, to stand."

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In the November issue of the S.A. "Fellowship News," we note a happy reference to the inclusion of Syd. Morgan in the Australian team of table tennis champions to compete in the World Championships in Prague next year. Mr. Morgan, who is a member of the Flinders Park Church of Christ, S.A., is ranked fifth in Australia in this particular sport, and competed in the 1961 world titles at Peking, China.

Prayer support is sought for a mission to be conducted at Tamworth, N.S.W., Nov. 24-Dec. 2, by N. Flint (Gilgandra), with D. Barter (Padstow) as song-leader.

# QUESTING

A. E. White.

More about the calling and training of ministers.

The man who is called to be sent to the ministry will offer himself for the best possible training. He will study, work and pray throughout his College days, and he will study, work and pray beyond those days, for there is an inescapable impact of the minister's own spiritual life on the people. All the skills in the world will never take the place of his contact with God.

A minister is a servant, and "minister" is a far better word than "preacher." The sooner we amend our church notice-boards, the better. To preach is but one of the many tasks of the minister. It is a very important task. Maybe there is no higher privilege or greater responsibility than to declare the Word of God. But it is still only one of the minister's tasks. The minister is also a pastor, a shepherd of the flock — including the sweet little lambs and the cantankerous old rams! He is also a teacher. Teaching is a very important aspect of his service. Even Jesus was called a teacher more often than he was called a preacher.

What makes a minister and how does he get that way? He needs to be called to Christ and to respond to that call. Then he needs to be sent by Christ to his life's work. I don't believe that God sends us to the wrong task. We sometimes fail him in the right place, and we sometimes mistake his mission for us. It is possible to mistake our desires for his decision. If we find that it is not his will to use us in the ministry, we have the all-important consolation of knowing that if we are found where he sends us, we can know as much satisfaction in our field as the missionary knows in his. Watersiders, carpenters, housewives, missionaries, clerks, ministers, nurses and shopgirls are equal in his sight. The trouble comes when God's mechanic insists on being a missionary, or when God's minister insists on being a shopkeeper. Or to put it another way: spiritual disaster threatens us when we say "No" to God's "Yes," or "Yes" to God's "No." No man can determine for another whether God is sending him to the ministry. If, however, you are sincerely seeking God's will, and if you are prepared to do his will, whatever it is and wherever it leads, God will surely send you to the rightful place in his service.

Next Week: Why don't we practise divine healing?

## Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., NOV. 4. — From yesterday's happy fellowship at the district conference in the sylvan setting of Red Hill, on the Mornington Peninsula, I went to worship this morning with the Mt. Evelyn church on their lovely site in the hills. The helpful service marked their fifteenth anniversary. One of the added, unexpected joys of the visit was to meet again a couple whose marriage I conducted in the 1940's; they weren't Christians then, but today they and their family are active workers in the church. Tonight I was back at Doncaster for my first visit for a month.

MON. NOV. 5. — I notice that the old-time film comedian, Harold Lloyd, is being sued for a large sum in connection with the release of portions of his old films. Whatever the rights and wrongs of this case, I remember that Harold Lloyd is the kind of man who once refused a million dollar contract because the story he was asked to play contained scenes he regarded as off-color. He said, "If I can't be funny and clean, then I'll just be clean." Some so-called TV comedians need to learn that lesson.

TUES., NOV. 6. — A short car drive this afternoon was our only concession to Melbourne's Cup holiday atmosphere. Tonight it was business as usual at our Officers' Board meeting.

WED., NOV. 7. — In a full day's visitation, one of the things that gave me pleasure was to hear a woman, who is herself active in many helpful ways, talk of her husband's joy in a new church task he has recently accepted. All the family are doing something — the best kind of results from the Billy Graham Crusade of 1959. Tonight I helped in the leadership of the Home Mission district quarterly prayer meeting at Glen Waverley. There was a fine spirit in the meeting, and an attendance of just on a hundred.

THURS., NOV. 8. — Four hours of presiding over a discussion of Conference affairs just gave me time to look in on some of our Doncaster men at the end of their annual dinner and meeting.

FRI., NOV. 9. — News of Mrs. Roosevelt's death reminds me of a comment by that busy woman in her book, *On My Own*: "Leadership is a stern, demanding role and no person or State can lead without earning that right." She herself earned such a right.

SAT., NOV. 10. — What a joy it was this afternoon to declare the new Waterman Memorial Camp officially open! There's a great future ahead here.



# HERE AND THERE

Ken. G. Mundy, whose term as Federal President of Churches of Christ climaxed in helpful leadership of the recent Hobart Federal Conference, has suffered a stroke and has been admitted to the Dover Hospital, Tas. The many friends throughout the brotherhood who have appreciated his service will join with his loved ones in prayers for a speedy and full recovery.

Older readers will recall the helpful ministries of J. Methven, who was called Home on Oct. 28 at the age of 86 years. During his years of active service, Mr. Methven gave consecrated leadership in making a valuable contribution to the life of our churches. We extend Christian sympathies to his loved ones at this time.

The church at Chatswood, N.S.W., has announced that C. G. Taylor, B.A., has accepted a call to its ministry as from the end of next year, 1963. Mr. Taylor is at present President of the Victoria-Tasmania Conference of Churches of Christ, minister of the church at Doncaster, Vic., and Editor of this journal.

K. J. Hank has accepted the invitation of Ararat (Vic.) church to continue his ministry there for a further two years.

The final meeting for 1962 of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Ministers' Fraternal will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 19, at the Bible College, 57 The Point Road, Woolwich. Discussion will cover proposed activities for 1963.



## New Picnic Ground Opened

Longwood, S.A.

The S.A. Department of Christian Education purchased 18 acres of ground in the Adelaide Hills at Longwood in 1953. The property fronts two main roads and the Youth Camp has made excellent use of one section of this property. Some two years ago a member of one of the S.A. churches felt that a Picnic Ground for Sunday Schools and other Youth Groups, within easy travelling distance from Adelaide, was needed. The outcome of conversations with the Department was a generous gift toward the development of the Leslie Creek Road frontage of the Longwood property for the purpose of a Picnic Ground.

Some additional finance came from the Youth Choir and voluntary labor was provided by men of the C.M.S. groups in S.A., who made this a project for 1962. The work involved considerable bulldozing to provide adequate playing grounds, also the erection of an all-purpose shed with tables, stools, electric stove and electric copper, in addition to septic toilets and an excellent outdoor barbecue area, plus outdoor lighting for evening functions. On Sat., Sept. 29, the Conference President of S.A. churches (S. R. Beck) officially opened the new site and afternoon tea was provided by the Christian Education committee of our Women's Conference. The occasion was a happy one and people who attended were impressed with the development of this part of our Longwood property and the possibilities for its use by Sunday Schools, Youth Fellowships and other church auxiliaries. The Department has produced a booklet as a guide to people planning to use this property, and in 1963 a further work force of the C.M.S. will give this site a final face-lift that will give us a facility of which our South Australian churches can be justly proud.—K. D. Horne (Director).



## New Ministry Annerley, Qld.

When the Annerley (Qld.) church faced ten months without the services of a minister, there were some fears that the work would suffer and interest decline. It is pleasing to report that loyal assistance to local men who have carried the main burden of preaching, with some assistance from visiting preachers, has maintained the work at a consistent level.

The church properties are now free of debt, auxiliary activity has continued at a high standard, and Sunday services have shown no significant fall-off in attendances.

The period of waiting was ended on Saturday, Oct. 13, when Mr. and Mrs. Haydn Sargent and baby Philip were welcomed to the church fellowship. The chapel was unable to accommodate all who came to share in the welcome service, presided over by the chairman of the Board, H. D. Farmer. Greetings were received from State Conference President, J. H. McCormick (at Federal Conference), the local Ministers' Fraternal, and others unable to attend.

C. M. Hughes, M.L.A., represented community interests and spoke appreciatively of the high standing of the church in the community, offering his co-operation to Mr. Sargent. R. Acland (Vice-Pres.) welcomed the newcomers on behalf of the Qld. brotherhood; Mrs. Finger represented the Women's Conference and local Women's Fellowships; E. Holt spoke for the youth groups; W. J. Finger (sec.) on behalf of the church assured Mr. and Mrs. Sargent of the sincerity with which we welcomed them into our midst.

In the simple and impressive Dedication Service which followed, Mr. Acland (Ipswich) gave the charge to the minister and to the church, emphasising the necessity to love God, each other, and the church. Mr. Farmer accepted the charge to the church and Mr. Sargent, in his response, expressed the eagerness with which he anticipated sharing the ministry with the membership. H. J. Lee, our much loved elder, led in a prayer of dedication.

The Sunday services saw packed congregations, which were delighted and challenged with the simple and dynamic preaching. Especially pleasing was the fine group of young people, who were deeply impressed by the minister's friendly and sincere approach. The choir rendered fine assistance throughout under the leadership of K. Schafer.

Mr. Sargent has come to us after a successful ministry at Telopea (N.S.W.), which was followed by a 3½ months' tour of U.S.A., which he undertook as an impartial observer of American church conditions. In personal discussions with him, the writer is impressed with his sane assessment of those conditions and his conviction that the uniqueness of our own Australian position is something to be jealously guarded. Whilst we have something to learn from those churches, he is convinced that the factors which have led to animosity and division in the American churches should be excluded from our own thinking.

The Annerley church is now ready for progressive moves and has every confidence that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Mr. Sargent will lead us into enriching experiences and a more positive witness in this community.—W. W. McDowell.



H. J. Cook will conclude his part-time ministry with the church at Hawthorn, Vic., on the last Sunday of November, 1962.

Congratulations go to Elizabeth Martindale, a 15 years' old B.S. scholar at Middle Park, Vic., who recently obtained her A.Mus.A. (Associate of Music).



K. J. PATTERSON (Balaklava, S.A.) writes of . . .

# An Historically Interesting Centenary

Last Friday, Oct. 19, I attended the Centenary celebrations of the Alma South (S.A.) State primary school, 50 miles due north of Adelaide. It was a privilege to present a greeting on behalf of our Conference President and our brotherhood of churches. No other school in Australia has had such a history spelled out on its blackboard. It had been written up by the teacher for the six present scholars and the 150 or so visitors (many of them old scholars). It ran as follows:

"A few members of the New Mills Church of Christ, Ayrshire, Scotland, emigrated to South Australia and settled about McLaren Vale in 1853 (correct date is 1847—K.P.).

"Among the new settlers were R. Lawrie, A. Greenshields, J. Watson, J. Aird and Craig. In 1858 John, Robert and Alexander Lawrie moved north to Alma Plains.

"Among other new settlers to the district were George Hammond and Jane Lawrie, who married Robert Harkness.

"Church services were held in John Lawrie's house (the old house about 10 chains east of the school), and the barn near the house was used as a meeting place for a couple of years.

"Population increased, and in 1862 the first chapel (the present school) was built.

"Names associated with Alma at the time were Greenshields, Watson, Hammond, McGregor, McLachlan, Finlayson and Howard.

"About 1863 a manse (the schoolmaster's residence) was built by the church on the opposite side of the road. The first chapel proved too small for the increasing number of worshippers, and in 1872 a larger church was built alongside the first one. When the new building was completed, only £50 remained owing on it, and this was wiped off in the next year.

"As many as 140 worshipped in the new church, and this building stood until it was demolished in 1941. The first preacher who took up residence in the manse (school-house) taught children from the surrounding area to read and write. (The church appointed Wm. H. Cope as the first schoolmaster, not as a preacher.—K.P.).

"About 1873 the Education Department acquired the original chapel for a State School, and the first

teacher, Esther Judd, was appointed in 1874."

Those Scottish emigrants of 1847 were from the Churches of Christ, Beith and New Mills, Ayrshire. They founded the second Church of Christ in Australia, at Willunga, S.A. — 30 miles south of Adelaide — after elder, John Aird, on arrival had reported to the Adelaide congregation. H. R. Taylor says in his *The Story of a Century* (Austral, 1946) that this church "was more distinctively Church of Christ than the Franklin Street church." Their influence later on stemmed from Alma. 1864 statistics quoted in *That They All May Be One* (Austral, 1909) show 5 churches in South Australia: Adelaide 100; Alma (country) 56; Hindmarsh 60; Myponga (country — from the original Willunga group) 12; Point Sturt (country) 25. Total 253.

In the *Jubilee Pictorial History of the Churches of Christ in Australasia* (Austral, 1903) it states: "At the present time there is scarcely any church in the State but has some of the members from Alma; some a goodly number." In 1962, their descendants are found in almost all South Australian churches and in many of the churches in the other States, e.g., the wheatbelt churches of Western Australia.

The spread of the Restoration Movement from these pioneers who farmed on the Adelaide Plains in the latter half of the 19th Century would be worthy of the historian's special study.

Five great-great grandsons of John Lawrie, who was the outstanding elder of the Alma church, have been training in our Colleges these last few years — T. Lawrie, G. Lawrie, G. Croot, G. Carslake, C. Heier (two from S.A. and three from W.A.).

The one hundred year old Alma school is the second oldest extant chapel building in Australia erected by our own people for their own worship. (The Point Sturt chapel was one hundred years old last year).

The last Northern District Conference appointed an historical committee to investigate the possibilities of preserving the Alma building for historical purposes (it is in good repair now) and of collecting historical data. The committee members are H. Freebairn, C. Badcock, C. Jones, M. Lawrie, J. Harkness, L. Marshman, K. Patterson.

Should any who read this have records or knowledge of their forefathers or other church members who sprang from, or were influenced con-

siderably by, the pioneer disciples of Alma in particular, or of the Adelaide Plains churches north of the Gawler River, please let L. Marshman, of Owen, have all the information you can. Our committee will welcome your help. Do not think your contribution will be insignificant. It may be just the kind of information we are looking for. We would appreciate hearing from you soon.

Most institutions and organisations in Australia are beginning to realise that if historical information is to be available to succeeding generations, it must be collected now before the records are lost and the grandchildren of the pioneers are all gone on.

Churches of Christ in Australia may well be proud of the faith and testimony of the pioneers who have bequeathed to us the Christ-centred and Bible-verified gospel.

P.S. — It is interesting to note that ancestors of the Vic.-Tas. and W.A. Conference Presidents, and of the wife of the S.A. President, came from the churches of the plains north of Adelaide.—K.P.

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## News of British Churches

The veteran missionary, Mrs. Mary Clark, has returned to Thailand. Only a few months ago she was brought back to England to be with the remaining members of her family. But her heart was in the land in which she has spent her life, and at the age of 82 she has returned there. She said that she could find no niche into which she could fit in England, but in Thailand she can still be of help and comfort. With her son she flew to Thailand, and was greeted on arrival by the elders of the Chinese church.

Each autumn the Leicester district churches hold a series of lectures. This year the lecturer was Canon H. Lockley, Canon Chancellor of Leicester Cathedral, whose theme was *The Church in the Nuclear Age*. Within this field of enquiry he spoke of *Church Organisation*, *Church Worship*, *The Purpose of the Church*. His appraisal of the modern situation was impartial, and brought out the strengths and weaknesses of both Anglican and Free Churches.

The small church in Coaltown is enlarging its school room to provide youth work facilities.—G. J. Hammond.





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. W. Arrowsmith, Ringwood, Vic.  
J. Methven, snr., Oakleigh Guest Home, Vic.

## AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). — Helpful visit from Messrs. Hiwale and Bhonsle, Oct. 20, 21. One baptism. 21st. Boys' Brigade display. 22nd. Mrs. Stirling reported to C.W.F. on Federal Conference and showed slides. 25th. Attendance of 293 at evening service (B.S. anniversary), 28th. H. Black showed slides of Antarctic expedition at C.M.S. tea, Nov. 4. G.L.B. anniversary parade at evening service, which was followed by fellowship hour. Attendance for day: a.m., 166; p.m., 131; communicants, 159.

## TASMANIA

Margaret-st., Launceston (C. J. Robinson). — Averages for Oct.: a.m., 179; p.m., 105; communion, 154. Church very pleased to have fellowship with large number of mainland members on their way home from Federal Conference. E. W. Heard was p.m. speaker, Oct. 7, and also at an Overseas Mission Rally following the service. W. W. Saunders addressed a.m. service, 28th, and Miss J. Hunting gave gospel address that day. Mr. Saunders was also speaker at C.M.S. gathering. H. I. Walmsley (Mission to Lepers) speaker at C.W.E.F. meeting. C.Y.F. is experimenting with new programme set up — meetings will be held on alternate Fridays and alternate Sundays. Sunday meetings will be in school hall after evening service. Several carloads of members went to Hobart for Sunday services of Federal Conference.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

South Perth (G. W. Wood). — Spring campaign of evangelism has entered last month. Fifteen people made good confession during Oct., and another 4 on first Sunday in Nov. Whole church experiencing thrill of this movement and looking forward to continuing victories. Newly formed choir gave its first item on 4th, when 45 voices, aided by good acoustics of gallery position, provided delightful contribution to the worship. Mid-week meetings continue with average attendance of 30. B.S. anniversary services in Oct. were well attended, maximum of 320 at one service. Maintenance of church property and

equipment calls for more effort in enlarged buildings, but members perform willing service.

Inglewood (A. W. Morris). — New pattern of Family Church was commenced Oct. 7, and resulted in introduction of encouraging number of parents of B.S. scholars to worship services, which are held at 9.30 and 10.15 a.m. each Sunday. Evening service has been advanced to 7 p.m., followed by general discussion and supper. Five members attended Federal Conference in Tasmania. C.W.F. entertained Kalamunda ladies during month. C.W.E.F. held concert to raise funds for support of a nurse in Hong Kong. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have their eldest daughter home again after 5 years on Mission fields.

## QUEENSLAND

Toowoomba (A. C. Thurrowgood, H. J. Finger). — Church celebrated 80th anniversary with special meetings, Oct. 24-28. Youth Director, D. W. Mansell, guest speaker and leader. Combined services, Oct. 28, at Margaret-st. Five Y.P. confessed Christ, with one rededication. Young lady baptised, 14th. Matron Anderson resumed duty after trip to Federal Conference. Mrs. Weimer's assistance appreciated. Number of older members in hospital. Berys Varidel home from hospital.

Sunnybank (B. M. Nowitzke). — Y.W.F. meeting, 15th, on Social Service, addressed by S. Chalmers (State sec.). Youth service, 21st, well attended. G.C.C. members led service and gave items. J. McCormick (Conf. Pres.) a.m. speaker, 28th. Sis. Vallins appointed supt. of kinder.

Camp Hill (K. J. Harvey). — Club for junior girls, 6-9 years, formed under leadership of Miss Marj. Chapman, and meets each Friday afternoon. Young people have commenced C.E. society, which is meeting each Sunday at 5.45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey had fellowship with Warwick church over weekend Oct. 27. W. McDowell, H. Farmer, both of Annerley, preached at services, 28th. Two have been welcomed into fellowship on transfer. Fellowship enjoyed during month with number of visitors. Av. attendances for Oct.: a.m., 74; p.m., 40.

East Ipswich - Leichhardt (R. Acland). — Work has continued steadily and number of souls have been won. Av. attendances at all services in both centres continue to improve.

## Discipleship

Janet Simpson, Earlwood, N.S.W.  
Mrs. Higgenson, Mr. Watson, Enfield Heights, S.A.  
Judith Deed, Peter Allen, Jeffrey Carruthers, S. Carruthers, Mrs. H. Carruthers, Murray Bridge, S.A.  
Janet Reed, Toowoomba, Qld.  
Ken Muir, Ivanhoe, Vic.  
Pam Pastoors, Edwin Johnson, Marilyn Killick, Josephine Dupont, Marion Trayner, Bankstown, N.S.W.  
Peter Burns, Dawne Gilholme, Jennifer Gilholme, Pamela Annetts, Alan Marshall, Linda Anderson, Janice Jenkins, David Jenkins, Preston, Vic.

Mrs. L. R. E. McClean, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, Carlton, Vic.  
Sandra Sawyers, Canberra, A.C.T.  
Mrs. R. Gallus, Dorothy Verco, Beverley Graham, Ralene Stott, Naracoorte, S.A.

## Membership

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wakeley, Burwood to Epping, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Darby, Collingwood to Ivanhoe, Vic.  
Mrs. Hamister, Bankstown to Austinnere, N.S.W.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Scarce, to Camp Hill, Qld.  
R. Gallus, Kersbrook to Naracoorte, S.A.  
Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. G. Underwood, Hawthorn to Wattle Park, Vic.

## Marriage

Elwyn Robinson to George Green, Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas.  
Gethla Guerin to Noel Brown, Kaniva, Vic.  
Lyn. Barnes to Rod. Greyson, Camp Hill, Qld.  
Margaret McCauliffe to Ross Turner, Queenstown, S.A.

## Fallen Asleep

J. McArthur, Epping, N.S.W.  
Mr. McKay, snr., North Williams-town, Vic.



Nov. 3 and 4 culminated in wonderful time, with everybody happy. On 3rd, chapel was opened from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to receive thankoffering. 160 sat down to sumptuous tea, catered for by C.W.F. Greetings were received from Mayor and Mrs. W. Finger (Women's Conf. Pres.). A. C. Thurrowgood (Toowoomba) was speaker, and the "Joytones" (Toowoomba) gave musical programme. At crowded meeting on Sat, night, Mr. Coward (treas.) announced that Temple Day offering was £1,983, and at close of Sunday night's meeting was £2,000. Crowded meetings at all services, which were addressed by A. C. Thurrowgood.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**Earlwood.** — B.S. anniversary compared by G. Hudson; speakers, Messrs. Bartholomew and Hewitt; musicians from sister churches. Picnic at Bronte successful. Since resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Sloman from ministry church has been greatly helped by visiting speakers, Messrs. Bowser, Hewitt, Small, Brown, Thomas and Agnew. Work of elder, N. Matthews, much appreciated. One young girl received into fellowship.

**Epping (H. M. Long).** — At B.S. anniversary, Oct. 21, singing led by W. Gray (supt.). Speakers, R. Ellis (Canley Vale) and H. M. Long. Demonstration and items by scholars, 27th. Robin Torode, Dux of School. By direction of previous annual business meeting, change came into effect on term served by elders and deacons. Election is for 3-year period, with one-third retiring annually. I. Torode, snr., re-endorsed as elder, and D. Harris added to deacons. Newly elected set apart at worship service following annual meeting.

**Inverell (G. H. Earle).** — B.S. anniversary, Oct. 21; minister addressed a.m. and afternoon services. Cradle Roll and kinder. depts. featured in afternoon, and prizes presented to children. At evening service, children's choir led singing, and older scholars presented play, *The Healing of the Paralytic*. To conclude anniversary celebrations, high tea held, 24th, followed by games programme and presentation of prizes to older scholars. C.W.F. catered for tea.

**Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd).** — Deacons for new year elected at annual meeting: F. Button, J. Morrison, N. Mowsar, N. Murray, R. Pratt, H. Renison, J. Rhodes, W. H. Snowdon, C. Willis. Eldership of W. Casperson and A. Powell continues. Reports showed work progressing. Weekly and annual offerings averaged £56 per week. Stewardship campaign since end of financial year has resulted in larger offerings, effective increase be-

ing £25 per week. Largest congregations for some time on 28th, with 107 communicants for day. C.Y.F. attendances averaging 35 each Sat. night. C.W.F. appreciated visit by Mrs. Bell. E. Blyth showed films at Koorngal S.S. Hall.

**Padstow (A. Surtees).** — 50 Y.P. from Gilgandra and Padstow combined for third annual "Padandra Camp" at Katoomba. Messages given by three campers — Brian McNally, Merle Quayle and Bob Smith — climaxed inspiring weekend. One young man made his decision, three stepped forward for full-time service, and there was one rededication. Slide evening was arranged by C.W.F., Mr. Surtees showing slides of work in Tamworth. D. Folletta (Woolwich) gave his life's testimony at C.M.S. Y.P. entertained parents at enjoyable parents' evening with Mr. Leaske as speaker. B.S. anniversary services well attended, theme being *The Challenge On the Cross*. Four children made their decision. New Intermediate dept. has been commenced, with D. Barter as supt. Mr. Leane (Austral) spoke, Nov. 3, introducing Temple Day, to be held on 10th. Number of visitors have been welcomed.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Enfield Heights (R. K. Sansome).** — Y.P. spent weekend at Longwood Camp with Northern District churches. B.S. anniversary Oct. 21 and 28, great success; speakers, Messrs. Whitmore, Austen and Sansome. Mr. and Mrs. Harris gave excellent report of Federal Conference. Two ladies baptised in recent weeks.

**Mount Gambier (R. V. Holmes).** — Third birthday of C.W.F. attracted large attendance of women from other churches in town. Garden theme, used throughout, won enthusiastic commendation regarding both decoration of building and programme. 30 Y.P. from Bordertown circuit spent weekend at Mt. Gambier and conducted services during absence of minister at Federal Conference. They were accommodated in church homes, and meals were served at chapel. Church planning erection of manse.

**Murray Bridge (H. Cave).** — Delegates who went to Fed. Conference came home thrilled with experiences. At special service for children on 28th, there were four confessions of faith. Mr. Long led service, while three children and two adults were baptised. Two youths confessed Christ. Conference Echoes, in youth hall, allowed church to share in some of the memories and pictures brought back from Tasmania. J.C.E. attended Union rally at Strathalbyn. C.W.E.F. enjoyed meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Roberts, and barbecue supper.

**Queenstown (L. P. Austin).** — Combined Y.P. camp with Seaton Park Baptist, held long weekend, was preceded by combined church service, when ministers exchanged pulpits. Church introduced midweekly cottage prayer meetings, and C.M.S. is held monthly. Both had successful commencements. Two tennis teams have been entered in A and D grade of Churches of Christ Association. B.S. picnic held at Modbury. Church celebrated 93rd anniversary Oct. 28, and on 30th had church tea, followed by film. C.W.F. celebrated its 8th birthday. Mr. Paddick (Temperance Alliance) spoke a.m., Nov. 4.

## VICTORIA

**Ivanhoe (H. W. Street).** — Successful B.S. anniversary concluded Oct. 7, speakers being representative of B. & F. B. S. and H. W. Street. At gospel service on 21st, young man confessed Christ. Several members, including minister, attended Federal Conference. Offerings have increased following recent loyalty dinner, when Budget was outlined by treas. (F. Chipperfield). Series of working bees being held to renovate property. Good Companions' club (senior and junior divisions) has been reorganised, under leadership of Mrs. R. Darby. Mrs. H. Earl progressing satisfactorily after surgery. 10-weeks' seminar under leadership of Walter Lantz (U.S.A.) and Miss Bonnie Bates has aroused keen interest, and will train members in art of group discussions. Members appreciate high standard and excellent news coverage of weekly church paper, *The Messenger*, edited by A. Launder.

**Boort (C. G. Henderson).** — Work holding favorably under leadership of C. G. Henderson. Midweek meetings held fortnightly. Weekly paper and messages much appreciated. Ladies accepted invitation to Church of England and Methodist social afternoons. Church and B.S. joined in combined picnic, Nov. 6. Church happy to see Mrs. E. Streader back after long illness. Sympathy to Mrs. Penno in passing of her mother.

**Carlton (R. J. Duckett).** — A husband and wife confessed their faith in Jesus Christ, Oct. 21. Mrs. O'Malley has undergone further surgery. Mrs. Pang, Mrs. Moriano and Mrs. Lees have continued illness. Recent visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. D. Palmer, Texas, U.S.A. (returned missionaries from New Guinea), Mr. and Mrs. Ottrey and daughter (Harvey, W.A.), Mr. and Mrs. Clarke (Busselton, W.A.). 108th church anniversary and homecoming day, Nov. 4, grand success. Splendid attendances at all services. A. W. Candy (East Kew), Judge Stafford and R. J. Duckett were speakers. Miss E. Tippet, Evangelical Trio and church choir supplied musical items.



Very happy day of fellowship enjoyed. Missionary appeal for 1962 now over £1,700. Disbursement of amount received at end of Nov. amongst various missionary groups and societies.

**Hawthorn (H. J. Cook).** — B.S., under superintendency of Mr. Sandford, slowly increasing in numbers. School grateful to former Burnley church for gift of a piano. Good Companions' club, with Mrs. Gaunson as leader, has had successful year. After many years' service with church, Mrs. May has moved from district. Services have been well attended for many months, and Mrs. Dobson, 93 years, still insists on walking to worship. Church regrets that H. J. Cook will conclude part-time ministry at end of month.

**Footscray (G. S. Brown).** — C.M.S. held meeting at home of C. Andrew, Oct. 24; W. Burgess was elected pres., J. Hort, sec.-treas. for coming year. Many parents and friends enjoyed B.S. fancy dress social, 26th. B.S. anniversary concluded 28th, with A.E. White (Nth. Essendon) as 3 p.m. speaker, and demonstration by scholars at 7 p.m. C.W.A.F. held annual luncheon, 31st. Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres. (Mrs. Stafford) brought greetings and spoke of progress of **Woman to Woman** evangelism. Mrs. Frost (Croydon), Pres. National Council of Women, as speaker, gave address on her work with women and history and work of our prisons. Mrs. Marr (Williamstown) was soloist. Sympathy of church expressed to Mrs. A. Lewis in loss of father. Congratulations to K.S.P. for winning finals of table tennis.

**Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas).** — Combined evening service at Chelsea Methodist, Oct. 21. Spring fair opened in hall by Mayor of Chelsea, 27th; £77 raised during morning. C.Y.F. in camp at Monbulk, 26-28, with Dr. King, and Mrs. Page as "Camp Auntie." Sympathy extended to Mrs. Hales on mother's passing. C.E. attended Thanksgiving Rally in Melb., 28th.

**Gardiner (F. A. Youens).** — Church's 14 representatives returned with reports of excellent Federal Conference. R. Geyer spoke a.m., Oct. 28, to capacity attendance. Miss L. Somers soloist p.m. Midweek prayer meetings well attended. All retiring officers re-elected.

**Maryborough (R. Pritchard).** — Impressive teachers' dedication service a.m., Oct. 21. Evening service featured film, *The Beginning*. Church treas., A. Kennedy, commended members on their support during first year of planned giving. On 26th, B.S. scholars and teachers presented their concert to an overcrowded building; prizes were presented. Special meeting of W.C.T.U. in chapel on 31st,

had guest speaker, Mrs. L. Mountjoy (pres., Geelong branch). Sympathy extended to Mrs. A. Sewell in loss of mother. Church in prayer for Mrs. Eagleton, Mrs. G. Davies and Mr. Callum.

**North Williamstown (R. C. Bust).** — K.S.P. visited Olympic Tyre establishment, Nov. 5. Worship service at 9.45 a.m., followed by morning tea, preceded B.S. anniversary service at 11 a.m. on 4th. Speaker at 11 a.m. was L. E. Brooker. Kinder and primary depts. were in charge of afternoon programme. Senior school presented *The Life of Christ* in picture, story and song, p.m. All meetings very well attended. Church sympathises with Mrs. McKay, snr., and family in passing of Mr. McKay. Mr. and Mrs. C. Milne given farewell on their leaving district.

### BIRTHS

**BAKER.** — To Gwyneth and John, in South Australia, a son was born. Nov. 1 — Philip John.

**HONE (Sommerville).** — To Margaret and Roy, on Nov. 1, at Croydon, Vic., a son — Gary Malcolm.

**OLDFIELD.** — To Allison and G. H. Oldfield, on Nov. 4, 1962, at Jessie McPherson Hospital, Vic., a son — Robert Arthur. "God's gift."

### DEATHS

**CRAWFORD (nee Chapman).** — On Oct. 25, Emma Elizabeth, dear mother of Bessie Penno, Boort; loved gran. of Dorothy, Lyndon (dec.), Greta; great-gran. of Beth, Gordon and Christine; aged 85 years. "Behind all shadows standeth God." Interred in Kilmore General Cemetery, Oct. 27, 1962.

**CRVMBLE.** — On Oct. 30, 1962, at her home, Epping-st., Kyneton, Vic., Mary, loved wife of the late Thomas Crumble, beloved mother of Agnes (Mrs. W. Beer - dec.), May (Mrs. C. Beer), Jack, Mary, Tom, Nell. "In God's care."

**METHVEN.** — On Oct. 28, 1962, at Prince Henry's Hospital, Melb., James Methven, beloved husband of the late Gertrude, loving father of James, Reg. (Qld.), Max, Jack (dec.), Jean (Mrs. Rankin), Molly (Tas.), Gertrude (Mrs. Smith), and Valerie (Mrs. Kimberley, Shepparton); aged 86 years. "A servant of Christ."

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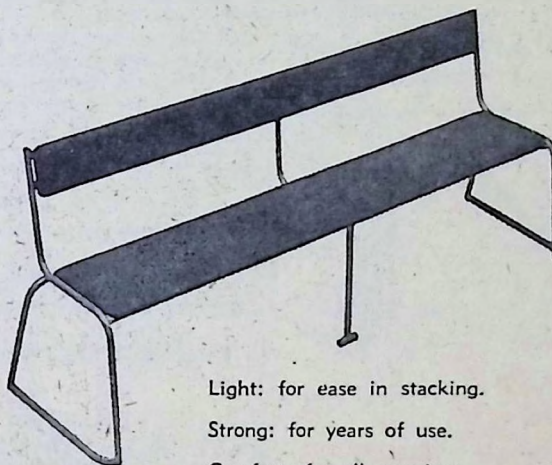
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**OPEN FORUM****A.C.C. APPOINTMENTS.**

May I have the privilege of your columns to rectify a misleading statement made by our Information service?

When the appointment of C. R. Sprackett to the A.C.C. Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service was announced, it was stated that F. F. Byatt, the present Secretary for Inter-Church Aid, and the Hon. J. J. Dedman, the present Director of the Resettlement Department, will be "giving up" their positions next February. This has led many to believe that both men are retiring.

Mr. Dedman will retire, and has already moved to live in Canberra. F. F. Byatt is not retiring. The A.C.C. Executive Committee, in making a new national appointment to combine the two positions, has asked the Victorian Committee for Inter-Church Aid to assume full financial responsibility for Mr. Byatt's employment in Melbourne from Jan. 1, 1963. Up till now Mr. Byatt has been employed partly for national work, and partly for State work in Victoria. The new arrangement makes possible a full-time Inter-Church Aid officer in Victoria, as has been operating in N.S.W. for several years.

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