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Queensland is Thrilled!

We are thrilled because we have just had an experience which is unique in the history of the Queensland brotherhood — the simultaneous visit of representatives from our three Mission fields and Federal Overseas Missions Board.

It began on Nov. 1, at 10 a.m., with the arrival of Pastors S. Hiwale and B. Bhonsle, of India, accompanied by R. S. McLean, Federal Secretary of Overseas Missions. As the train pulled in at South Brisbane, the T.V. camera went into action, and

that night thousands of viewers witnessed this historic welcome.

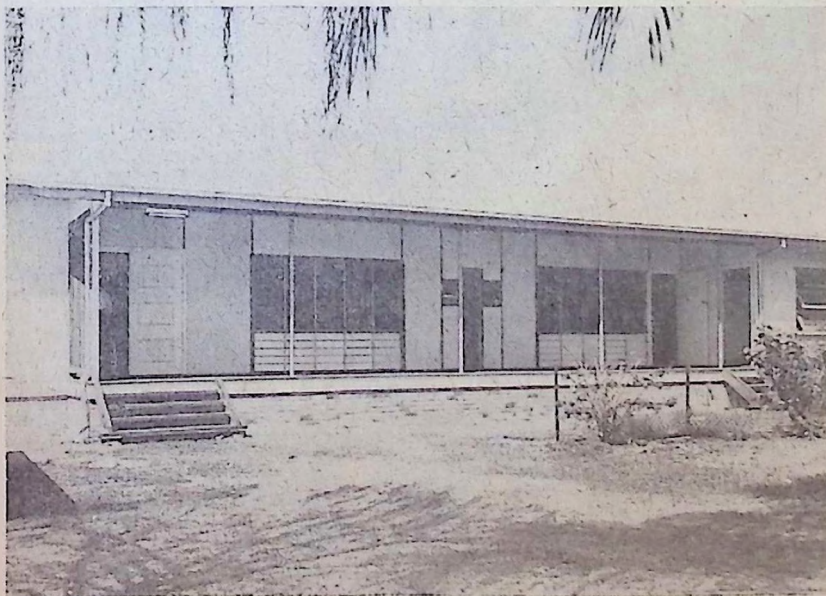
They weren't with us for long that day. A quick trip to the magnificent and rapidly growing Queensland University in its beautiful St. Lucia setting; morning tea at the Mt. Cootha kiosk with the panorama of Queensland's capital in full view; a visit to that haven for aged people, Burdeu House, which overlooks the Centenary Pool, where our champion divers have been preparing for the Commonwealth Games; then, having

lunched, they were on their way. That night B. Bhonsle and R. S. McLean began a tour of our north Queensland churches, with a meeting at Townsville. S. Hiwale, accompanied by R. Malcolm, Qld. Overseas Missions Sec., travelled west, commencing with a meeting at Gatton and reaching out as far as Roma. By Friday, Nov. 9, almost all of the Queensland country churches had been visited.

Then came the thrilling climax! On Saturday 10th, delegations from many metropolitan and country churches, including folk from as far away as Gympie, Kingaroy, Dalby and Warwick, converged on Ipswich for a grand Missionary Convention. The local people had done a splendid job in preparing for this great event. Amplification was installed in the church hall to enable an expected overflow crowd to hear, even if they could not see. Tents were erected on the lawn for the accommodation of comprehensive missionary displays. By midday all was in readiness. It happened as expected! The overflow crowd arrived, and at 1 p.m. the Convention commenced, led by J. H. McCormick (Qld. Conf. Pres.). H. Jones (minister) brought the opening devotions. During the afternoon Pauline Jones (New Hebrides), S. Hiwale (India) and R. S. McLean brought informative and challenging reports on the work of Overseas Missions. It was a special joy, too, to see Nurse Annie Toka (New Hebrides) in that great gathering.

At various points in the afternoon programme, opportunity was given for questions. These times proved extremely helpful. Prayer sessions, which numbered four in all, were also a vital part in an enriching day, as they were ably led by P. French (minister, Wynnum and Murarrie). The afternoon session concluded with the screening of the film, *The Awakening Village*.

Over 200 sat down to a very well-prepared tea, evidence of the untiring work of the ladies. Then, as it became obvious that for the evening session both chapel and hall would be packed to capacity, it was decided to conduct duplicate meetings. How we worked those visitors! This programme in each building included a reading in pidgin English and a message from Aileen Draney (Tung, New Guinea), information from B. Bhonsle on the new work in Bombay and another word of challenge from R. S. McLean. The meeting in the hall was under the leadership of R. Acland (Ipswich minister). Evening devotional leaders were P. French and M. H. A. Pieper (minister, Albion). Messages in song were brought in their usual helpful and inspiring manner by the Churches of Christ Girls' Musical Society, under the baton of



Townsville's Recently Opened All-Purpose Hall,
Scene of one of the Missionary Tour Meetings.

K. Ludgater. At the close of the evening meeting, L. G. Read (Ann-st. minister) expressed thanks on behalf of the Qld. Overseas Missions Committee to the Ipswich church for all that had been done to make the day such a great success. It is estimated that between 300 and 400 people enjoyed the fellowship of the Convention.

On Sunday 11th, the visitors addressed various congregations in the metropolitan area, and then all met once again at Kedron at 3 p.m. for a final session, to which many came who were not able to attend at Ipswich the previous day. Speakers were Aileen Draney, Pauline Jones, B. Bhonsle and R. S. McLean. Ques-

tion time proved valuable once more. At 5.15 p.m. many joined in a basket tea, and afterwards viewed color slides from India and New Hebrides.

So ended a very wonderful experience. One could not help but be impressed and challenged by the evident consecration and ability of each missionary representative and our Federal Secretary, R. S. McLean. We are grateful to the Federal Overseas Missions Committee for making this visit possible, and to our own Qld. Committee, spearheaded by an enthusiastic and hard-working secretary, R. Malcolm, for the splendid organisation of every aspect of this thrilling event.—M. H. A. Pieper, Publicity Officer.

OPEN FORUM

FEDERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

It is a pity that the necessary editing of Stanton Wilson's letter makes it uncertain whether or not he was able to answer the problem raised in Mr. Norris's letter, i.e., concerning the tendency towards Departmental control stifling the free discussion of matters of brotherhood interest at Federal Conferences (A.C., 13/11/62).

As it stands, Mr. Wilson has simply corrected two illustrative points mentioned, and the main thought is unanswered. Can it be answered?

I, too, am concerned with the implications of the finance motion referred to. This will effectively prevent anyone other than a Department from presenting a motion of this kind to Conference. The would-be mover of a motion has to get the prior approval of State Executive before he even has the right to come to Conference and give his reasons for the motion. But what access has he to State Executives in the various States? No one, except a Department with co-lateral representation in the various States, would have this access. And, what seems even more serious, if he has gained the approval of the States in some way, why bother to bring it to Federal Conference at all, simply to rubber-stamp a foregone conclusion!

There has been some criticism about the comparatively small number of ministers attending Federal Conference. As one minister who was saving up and hoping to attend, I feel that we should have the assurance that we would be spending our money in attending a Federal Conference in which we had a rightful part, and not what could easily become a Departmentally-sponsored Convention! — David G. Hammer, Maylands, S.A.

THE R.C. "BOGEY."

I would like to commend the article in Open Forum, *The R.C. Bogey*, by Maston Bell (A.C., 20/11/62).

Whilst we can be loving and Christian in all our actions to others, I feel righteous indignation (shown by our Lord on several occasions) and truth in love are as much the will of Christ; it is not a matter of kindly sentiments but of revealed truth. From a recent issue of *The Bulletin* (13/10/62), an independent and secular journal, I would like to quote part of an article, "The Ecumenical Council," by Robert Murray (page 24): "The President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, W. D. Jackson, said this year that he saw the Roman Catholic Church as the enemy of truth! . . ."

The Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church said in Melbourne last month that there is no hope of one Christian Church . . .

In June of this year the Vatican issued a statement that unity could only mean that Protestants and others must return to the Roman Catholic fold (!).

By condoning Rome's attitude in an ecumenical way, we are being hoodwinked into Rome's own desire: unity ultimately through R.C. standards. Titus 2: 1 (R.S.V.): "But as for you, teach what befits sound doctrine."—Alice Youens (Mrs.), Glen Iris, Vic.

Vic-Tas. ministers and wives are reminded of their annual get-together on Nov. 30, in the Churches of Christ Centre, Melbourne, at 8 p.m. Ladies are requested to bring refreshments. A good programme has been arranged.

Among the many parents of graduates present at the Federal College Graduation and Ordination service on Fri., Nov. 16, it was a special pleasure to have two minister-fathers taking part in the meeting — M. Lawrie (S.A.) and W. Giezendanner (Qld.). Mr. Giezendanner is the present editor of the Qld. monthly church paper, *The Christian Echo*.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Nov. 28, 1912.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

"The Moving Pictures." — This business is getting sadly overdone, and we opticians know that its influence on the sight of the rising generation threatens to be serious. Crowds of boys and girls attend them every night, and the continuous flickering with the rapid changes and fierce electric light tend to blunt the sensitiveness of the retinae, as well as increase the measure of any refractive defect from which they may be suffering. But its worst phase is the moral — or immoral — one. When such plays as the Life of Christ, even to the scourging at Calvary, are thrown upon the screen and patronised by "the clergy," it is surely high time that some steps were taken to keep the devil in his proper place . . . A Congregationalist has already installed a full picture-show apparatus in his church at Woolahra, at a cost of £200! Still, all Congregationalist ministers are not like this one.—Chas. Watt.

N.S.W. Seeks B.S. Organiser. — In their quest for a suitable organiser, the N.S.W. committee has been faced with many difficulties. In the first place, the brotherhood must acknowledge that an annual offering of £50 is not very inviting, and the brother who may be fitted for the position considers the time not ripe for the advance. Then, again, there has been revealed the awful dearth of men to whom the committee could apply . . . The committee has communicated with every country that could possibly have had such a man — England, America and neighboring States . . . Notwithstanding all the attempts made, entailing much correspondence, much anxious waiting and amidst fervent prayers, no one has been found who will accept the position. The salary offered is £208 a year.

Baptists-Churches of Christ in S.A. — At the last Annual Conference in S.A., a committee of brethren was appointed to confer with a similar committee of Baptists, should they be appointed, with a view to closer union. The Baptists fell in with the idea, and the first meeting of the combined committees was held on the 15th, when Mr. Brainsby, of the Baptist Church, gave an able address on points of agreement between the two bodies. The conference was of a most fraternal nature. D. A. Ewers was asked to prepare an address or paper on points of difference to be discussed at the next meeting on Dec. 19.

Here and There. — Enmore (N.S.W.) church is endeavoring to secure a site for further B.S. accommodation . . . S. G. Griffith commences a tent mission at Murray Bridge, S.A.

REPORTS FROM ROME

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples), has been in Rome since the Second Vatican Council commenced on October 11. As one of the twenty-eight delegate-observers invited to be present, representing fifteen "World Confessional Bodies," he has attended all sessions of the Council, whose first phase is due to end on Dec. 8. From detailed reports sent to us by Dr. Bader, covering what has happened during the first six weeks of the Council, we can deduce some answers to the questions that many are asking concerning the Council.

First of all, *what purposes lie behind the calling of the Second Vatican Council?* This is the first such gathering for 92 years, and was only convened after 841 prelates and scholars had spent 45 months making extensive preparations. So thorough were the preliminary investigations that no fewer than 8,972 proposals and suggestions came from 51 countries as possible subjects for discussion during this Council. This may explain some fears as to how long the Council will last; the longest in history is the Council of Trent (1545-63), and no one wants to see that record broken! Behind the calling of this Council lies the will of the Pope himself, over-riding initial strong opposition on the part of his advisers. Major subjects listed for discussion include the liturgy (public worship), Church-State relations, religious liberty, the power of the bishops, the place of the laity, divine revelation, marriage; there are many others. Liturgy was the first subject treated, and a halt had to be called after twelve mornings of over three hours each had been spent in that way, with about 25 delegates speaking each morning (ten minutes the maximum).

Secondly, *what part do the delegate-observers play in the Council?* Dr. Bader writes: "As observers we cannot speak from the floor, nor do we have a vote. We are here as observers only, and as such we can interpret and evaluate what we see and hear." They gather as a group on Tuesday afternoons, when staff members of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity receive and answer questions concerning Council proceedings. They have also attended Protestant services in Rome, and met with Italian Protestant leaders. Those who know Dr. Bader would realise how eagerly he would seize any opportunity to make his witness. He writes at the end of his fifth report: "During these six weeks I have been able to explain to many of the 'fathers' of the Council, and also to many of the delegate-observers, who we are, what we believe,

and our historic concern for Christian unity." This is the first time ever that non-Roman Catholic observers have attended a Council meeting, and the presence of two Russian Orthodox observers among them marks the first contact between their Church and Rome in nine hundred years.

Thirdly, *what have the discussions so far achieved?* In terms of final decisions, little has yet been realised. But Dr. Bader has noticed some interesting trends. For example, despite the fact that this is an assembly of 2,540 prelates, excluding both women and laymen, there are some marked differences of opinion among them, and they do not hesitate to say so. The first discussion on public worship has shown three main viewpoints: one group wants the Liturgy expressed in the Latin language; a second group (probably the largest) is ready for modification and adaptation from the Latin to the vernacular of the people; a third group wants the Liturgy expressed in the vernacular of the people served.

Several times, Dr. Bader notes an emphasis by some on the greater use of the Bible — not only for private reading, but also as a part of the Liturgy. Some are advocating a new translation of the Bible by Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Roman Catholic scholars, acceptable to all four groups. Along with this emphasis on the Scriptures is a plea for more and better sermons.

That the laity should have a larger voice and place in the life, work and administration of the Church is another subject which will stimulate keen interest, as have matters of calendar reform and the use of Latin. "One man argues against the suggestion that had been made that Latin was the language of unity and of universal understanding among Roman Catholics. He remarked that the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost had sought for a tongue understandable to all, but had not used Latin!"

Finally, *what of the Christian unity issue?* Dr. Bader emphasises that, for Roman Catholic prelates, the term "Christian unity" includes both "the spirit of unity" and also "organic union" — the first being their immediate concern. "Make no mistake about it," he writes, "'organic union' to the Roman Catholic Church means one thing — the return of the non-Roman Catholic Churches to it . . . Before any 'organic union' is possible between the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Churches, whether 100 years or 1,000 years from now, the former will need to change, and change radically." There are R.C. dogmas which make it impossible for Protestants to take any other stand than that.

Giving the Ordination Address for the Federal College of the Bible, WALT. LANTZ (U.S.A.) urged the graduates to . . .

Come Down from the Mountain!

It must have been a tremendously moving experience for the three disciples with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Still under the spell of it, they petitioned Jesus to stay for a few days to allow them all to bask in its afterglow. But the Master refused, and started them back down the mountain to the task of healing an epileptic boy (Mk. 9: 2-29).

All the synoptic writers included this incident, seemingly to show forth the difference between the all-conquering faith of Jesus and the impotence of the disciples at that time. This is not my purpose in speaking to this passage tonight. Actually, I'm remembering my own graduation from Seminary, and I'm struck again — as I was then — how like these three disciples graduates really are. We live for the day when we can leave the class room and be entirely on our own; but when that time comes we have great misgivings and would like, if it were possible, to continue to bring our problems to our professors who have stood with us in many thorny situations. But, gentlemen, you are, in the Yankee vernacular, being pushed out of the nest. You're on your own! There are so many things clamoring to be said, as we wish you "God's speed" in your journey down the mountain — down from a place of vision to a place of deeds — down from the hill of privilege to the valley of needs. You don't exactly go as novices, you've all been preaching; but after this very significant ceremony you go no longer as divinity students but as ordained ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What a rude awakening Peter and the Sons of Thunder must have had as they came upon the crowd of curious onlookers watching the unsuccessful attempts of the other disciples to heal the afflicted boy. Your awakening may be just as rude. How desperate is the need for healing of the world's spiritual epileptics, and how large the crowds of lookers-on, ready to scoff at any unsuccessful attempts. The Gospel writers tell us there was quite a discussion going on, but very little healing. I'm quite convinced that this is the picture of the Church in our generation. The time for healing calls for more than words, it calls for action. Talk couldn't heal that poor sick boy — it took the power of God. The treatment is the same today. There is real tragedy in the words of the boy's father, "Master, please come

and look at my son. He's my only child, and without any warning some spirit gets hold of him and he calls out suddenly. I begged your disciples to get rid of it, but they couldn't!" What an indictment — "but they couldn't!" If you listen with understanding to the voices of the world's ill, you may hear them cry that same condemning cry — even about his disciples who have been on the mountain and who have had that high hour of vision and revelation, but have for some reason made no vital connection with the needs of the valley below. Don't make the tragedy all the deeper by following in their faltering footsteps.

As you go, I would charge you to be three things:

1. Be Faithful

John's Gospel quotes Jesus as saying, "If a man wants to enter my service, he must follow my way; and where I am, my servant will also be. And my father will honor every man who enters my service" (John 12: 26).

You have entered his service, so you must follow his way. You have had your vision, and, to keep it from fading, you must use the power and the insight which have come with it for God's sake and man's sake in works of love. The impotence of the disciples seemed to come from lack of faith — at least this is what Jesus told them in answer to their question as to why they failed. How timid and fearful are we, his disciples today, as we approach our ministry to the ills of our generation. Are we lacking in faith as well? One writer has expressed it in these words:

"And what shall we say to that growing multitude of the distraught, the troubled in mind and spirit, the nervously unstable — casualties of our tense, speed-ridden, profit-driven civilisation? Repeatedly they bring their ills to the disciples of him who said, 'Fear not, my peace I give unto you,' and repeatedly the story works itself out into the same blind alley of impotence. Men and women who should not be, but are, powerless to make available Christ's resources for the healing of mind and nerves and spirit."

These are the kinds of people to whom you shall be ministering — both the afflicted and the impotent healers. Is your faith great enough to sustain you as you guide them in their quest for a vital faith? We,

ourselves, must nurture our faith. Just as reverence can be cherished like a flowering plant, so faith can be encouraged within us through our sensitivity to God's signs — the steadfastness of the natural laws, the warm friendship of our fellowmen, and greatest of all in our growing relationship with Jesus Christ, his Son. Be careful of becoming cynical — this, not doubt, is the opposite of faith, and a pretty certain sign that faith is failing. You, above all men, must keep your faith growing through prayer and good works.

2. Be Humble

If there is any thought that being set apart means being set above your congregation, you are dangerously in error. Jesus was never greater than when he tied a towel around his waist and knelt and washed his disciples' feet. Do you remember his words from Matthew 21: 27? "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of you all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be your slave."

Learning to serve is a terribly difficult lesson. It means learning to put others before yourself, and to beat down the ego that keeps getting in your way in preparing sermons, in counselling, in prayer. Our greatest danger is in feeling sorry for ourselves. It is doubly hard to forget self when it looks like everyone else is forgetting you, too. Those whom you serve will alternate between praising you and ignoring you, depending on how successful you are in getting beneath their masks and unveiling their sinful inner selves. You will think many times that grown men and women act like children — true they do, and are — but children of God, with inherent capacity for growth. This means you must love them when they are least lovable; and, recognising yourself as even a greater sinner than they, help them to know the redeeming love of God, by experiencing that love through a redemptive relationship with you.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in *Life Together*, speaks of the ministry of service in these words: "We are apt these days to reply too quickly that the one real service to our neighbor is to minister to him the Word of God. It is true that there is no service that compares with this one; and even more, that every service is performed for the sake of the service of the Word of God. Yet a

Christian community does not consist solely of preachers of the Word."

Kermit Eby, of the University of Chicago, in an address to ministerial students, accused the ministry of being in danger of losing sight of its goal. Among other things he said:

"We have become infatuated with success.

If one wishes to become a successful minister

It is preferable to have a great dues-paying congregation of hypocrites

Than a small group that has preserved its integrity.

If one wishes to become a successful minister,

Then a new church is more important than a new believer.

If one wishes to become a successful minister,

One plugs for lecture engagements, writes magazine articles and gets a higher salary."

You alone are able to judge whether he is speaking to you as well as to us in the U.S.A.

3. Be a Man

There was a time when the public image of the Reverend Mr. Minister

was of a "fuddy-duddy," "milk-toast," in a frock coat, more at home over a cup of tea at the Ladies' Aid than talking to the men of the church. This is no longer true. And we should all breathe a sigh of relief. The world accepts us now for what we are. Therefore, be honest with the world — be what you are. Don't be afraid to associate with the men and women of the world. (I detest that connotation but I feel I'm on familiar ground in using this terminology.)

These people have much to teach us in honesty, integrity and real zest for living. Don't be ashamed of natural instincts; the halo is not especially becoming, and those who wear it are always in danger of having it slip down around their necks and choking them to death. Be yourselves, God's men, leaning not on your own understanding but upon him who promised to walk beside you in your ministry — even to the end of the world. Ignatius Loyola spoke of the kind of persons ministers should be:

"Give me twelve men," he said, "who are wholly surrendered to God, and I will convert the world with them . . . To give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed

the wounds, to strive and not to seek for rest; to labor and ask for no reward, save the knowledge that we do God's will."

Gentlemen, don't linger looking back at the experience which brought you your vision and shaped your ministry to this hour — come down the mountain to those in the valley who await your healing. Move among your people as brothers and men of God, and maybe — maybe you might find the divine spark in our time — might uncover the hidden longing for brotherhood, for peace, for God. You might touch the chord that sets the chorus, or utter the word that starts the prayer — activate the longing of people, the profound yearning of the children of God, waiting to be set in motion.

Who answers Christ's insistent call

Must give himself, his life, his all, Without one backward look.

Who sets his hand unto the plough,

And glances back with anxious brow,

His calling hath mistook.

Christ claims him wholly for his own.

He must be Christ's and Christ's alone.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Contributed by V. C. Stafford, Director and Editor, Federal Board of Christian Education.

The Thebarton Town Hall and adjoining buildings of our Mile End church, Adelaide, will be the venue for the first pan-Australian Youth Convention of Churches of Christ, Jan. 8-15, 1963.

The Board executive and personnel in Melbourne, and committees in Adelaide, have been busy for months on arrangements. Hospitality in private homes is being arranged for delegates desiring accommodation. Western Australia has the largest delegation to date — 59 registrations from that State. Six young people from New Zealand and six from Canberra will be among the delegates.

Challenge. — Theme of the Convention is Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. This will be the basis for morning Bible studies to be led by David Hodges, B.A., B.D., minister of Scots Presbyterian Church, Adelaide. It will be taken up by many small study groups later in the morning.

Guest speaker for the occasion is Gordon R. Stirling, B.A., minister of our Canberra church and formerly

Director of S. A. Department of Christian Education. He will speak at evening rallies on Jan. 8, 12 and 15, also at a P.S.A. in Elder Park on Sunday afternoon. He will be accompanied on the programme by Walter J. Lantz, National Director of Adult Work and Family Life Programme of the Department of Christian Education of Disciples of Christ in U.S.A. Mr. Lantz will speak at the evening meeting on Jan. 9, and also serve as counsellor for study group leaders. At the missionary rally on Jan. 10 the speaker will be Manikidza Manford Nyoni, B.A., who will fly from Christchurch, New Zealand, for the occasion. Mr. Nyoni, a graduate of Fort Hare University in Africa, is Headmaster of Dadaya Secondary School, Southern Rhodesia, where our New Zealand churches support a strong missionary programme. Mr. Nyoni furthered his studies in U.S.A., and is now studying at the University of New Zealand.

Lloyd E. Jones, B.A., B.D., minister at Grote-st. church, will give the evening address on Jan. 14.

Japheth Karai and Samuel Buli (New Hebrides) will be among overseas visitors.

Youth Choir. — The South Australian Youth Choir of 200 voices, under the direction of John Hall, will be featured in Convention meetings, assisted by Margaret Anson (soloist) and other singers.

A special selection of Convention hymns has been prepared. A choral benediction composed by Ralph Potter will be used each evening.

Drama. — Construction is the title of a play to be presented on Friday evening under the direction of Maurice Coombs, producer-director of Christian Television Association of S.A., using a cast of Adelaide Y.P.

Fellowship Occasions. — Several afternoon outings have been planned and will include bus tours of city sights, Waterfall Gully, Mount Lofty and Longwood camp site, southern hills and beaches. Saturday will be a full-day outing to Victor Harbour and Port Elliott.

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THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

W.C.W.F. PRAYER FOR
NOVEMBER

For the women of Thailand, New Zealand, and Australia; for the work that the World Council of Churches is doing, and for all the churches that belong to it. For the future unity of all churches, the Church being one, believing in one God, one Saviour.

Interstate News

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Monthly meeting was held in Grote-st. chapel on Nov. 1, 1962, Mrs. E. Fax presiding. Attendance 187, including 144 delegates and 3 visitors — Mrs. Bathgate (W.A.), Mrs. Burt (Devonport, Tas.), Miss Thornhill (Vic.). Devotions were led by Pres.-Elect, Mrs. S. Lawrance, followed by a duet from Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Green.

The Obituary report was presented by Mrs. Outlaw, and the prayer was offered by Mrs. Bull.

The Rest Home reported that three rooms of the St. George's Home will be used as an infirmary, with occupants receiving Hospital Benefits.

We will have an opportunity to meet our Indian brethren, Mr. Bhonsle and Mr. Hiwale, at a Garden Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brune, on Nov. 24. This function will be opened by Lady Messent at 2.30 p.m. There will be a combined farewell for these brethren at the Maylands chapel on Nov. 28, at 8 p.m.

The Home Missionary Dept. reports that the call for the League of 1000 at present is for Windsor Gardens church, commencing their building at once. Port Pirie will be opening their building early in December.

We all enjoyed a trip to Tasmania as we listened to Federal Conference

Delegates will be entertained in several district get-togethers following Sunday evening services. Meals and other facilities are in the hands of competent caterers and committees.

Baptist young people from all States, attending a similar conference in Adelaide, will join in the great outdoor rally in Elder Park on Sunday afternoon.

C.Y.F. Commission. — Appointed representatives of State Departments of Christian Education will meet on the afternoon of Jan. 11 to plan further for C.Y.F.

Highlights, brought to us by Mesdames Jones, Lawrance and Johnson.

The meeting closed with the benediction. — L. Watson, Asst. Sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Devotions for November meeting were prepared by the H.M. Committee, led by Mrs. Manning, who brought the morning devotions of Women's Federal Conference, written by Mrs. Haigh (Qld.). Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Armstrong assisted.

Mrs. Ewers welcomed all sisters present, visitors being Mrs. Price and Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Underwood, of N.S.W., who brought greetings.

The roll call was answered by 80 sisters, representing 20 Fellowships. Apologies were 8. Financial statement as read by Mrs. Calladine showed a balance in hand of £1,054/9/-. Sisters were reminded to bring in monies from Blessing Bags to the December meeting.

As this was the last Auxiliary meeting with Mrs. Cooke, prior to leaving for Tasmania, Mrs. Ewers expressed appreciation of her cheerful willingness to do whatever she was asked to do, and presented her with a gift with the love of the sisters. Mrs. Cooke responded, thanking all for the interest and encouragement given her and her husband.

Highlights of Federal Conference were then brought by Mrs. Manning, who spoke on the devotional aspect; Mrs. Digwood, who reported on Women's Day of Conference; and Mrs. Reid, who summarised various other aspects of the inspiration that was Federal Conference.

Reports — Overseas: Mrs. Gordon advised that a morning tea was to be held in the Centre on Dec. 3, at 10.30 a.m., when Mr. Bhonsle and Mr. Hiwale would be passing through Fremantle, returning to India. Prayer was requested that the Christians in India would come through this time of testing.

Aborigine: Mrs. Pallot requested prayer for the Carnarvon young people who were sitting for the Junior exam., and for Bob Williams, that he will go on with Christ and lead his people to the Lord.

Home Mission: Mrs. Richards thanked sisters for prayer support of the Crusade held in October — requested prayer for those new in the faith that they will grow in grace and knowledge. Mission at Kellerberrin with Mr. Willis, supported by prayer.

Hospital: Mrs. Sonsee asked that we pray for the establishment of a "C" class hospital — this being an urgent need.

Social Service: Mrs. Holloway reported on the first Friendship meeting — this proved to be a worthwhile effort. A new car has been procured for Deaconess, Mrs. Robertson. Christmas cheer — groceries for parcels for those in need requested.

Wooroloo and Chest Hospital: Mrs. Verge thanked sisters for sponge bags, soap and face washers that had come to hand.

Christian Guest Home: Mrs. Cooper thanked sisters for support of stall, especially those who supplied cakes for sale.

There being no further business, Mrs. Cooper closed with prayer. — P. Reid, Sec.

VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

The November Council meeting was held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melb., on Friday, Nov. 2, 1962, at 11 a.m.

After the call to worship, the President welcomed 169 present, especially interstate visitors passing through after Federal Conference, and several Victorian visitors. Federal Conference Echoes were presented by Mesdames Morrison, Preston and Kemp — Mrs. B. Ferguson led in devotions. President thanked these ladies, also Council for the privilege of being sent to represent Victoria at Federal Conference. For the benefit of those who were not present, President gave resume of business conducted at Conference regarding Resolutions, etc.

Fourteen apologies were received and recorded. Business arising from minutes of last meeting — "W. to W." Evangelism Campaign at Benthleigh concluded during October. Camberwell church to conduct a Campaign, Nov. 21-Dec. 2, with Mrs. Strack and Mrs. Rankine as leaders. Your thoughts and prayers for all concerned are solicited. Next Federal Conference will be held in Queensland, Victoria withdrawing her invitation. "Ludbrook House" calendars are now selling at 2/- each — all delegates encouraged by President to assist in promoting sales.

Bible Women's Fund: Mrs. R. Geyer has consented to administer this fund in future owing to the death of Mrs. Oliver. As Mrs. Geyer will be visiting India early in the New Year, all monies up until next State Conference are to be sent to Mrs. J. Cleland. Mrs. Newham led us in prayer for the families of those bereaved — Mr. Methven and father of Mrs. Allsop, Camberwell. Also for those ill — Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Casson, Mrs. Tyler, Miss J. Ferguson, Mrs. D. Stewart and Mr. Washfold. The Treasurer presented her report, which revealed two C.W.F. groups have con-

tributed towards cost of rent of St. Kilda Town Hall for Conference Day.

Monbulk Appeal for Refurnishings: From C.W.F. appeal monies the following have been provided for Monbulk — all kitchen ware, £300; range and hot water service, £400; chairs, £215; curtains, approx. £75; tables, approx. £240. Supt. of Hospital Committee, Mrs. Manning, thanked all for gifts for Christmas distribution and advised that money was still required for this season of the year. Social Service Supt., Mrs. Ward, told of emergency which has arisen regarding need for a new Matron for Will H. Clay Nursing Home. After several announcements, the meeting closed with singing of C.W.F. hymn and benediction.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.



WHAT I OWE MY MINISTER

Appreciation: I owe my minister a kindly word of appreciation when his ministry is especially helpful to me.

Affection: I owe him affection, that he may be strengthened by the knowledge that the members of the church are with him in the bonds of holy love and unity.

Attention: I owe him the courtesy of attention when I go to church that he may not be annoyed by my careless actions.

Consideration: I owe it to my minister not to interrupt and hinder his work with petty and unnecessary calls upon his time and attention.

Encouragement: I owe to my minister encouragement when vexations make his work difficult or discouraging.

Prayer: I owe it to my minister to pray for him each day, that God will make his service a blessing.

Protection: I owe him the protection of kindly silence by refraining from repeating in his presence the unkind gossip that would burden him.

Reverence: I owe my minister reverent attention as the ambassador of God sent to teach me a better way of living.

Time: I owe my minister enough time to help in his work, when and where he needs me.

Trust: I owe him my trust, that he may be free to serve the church unhampered by fault-finding.

Remembering the nobility of the Christ-like men who have ministered unto me, my debt to them is too great to ever be paid.

—Adapted from "Roll Call."

Contributed by M.A.C.

It's a sign of your age if you can remember when a wayward child was straightened up by being bent over.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Why don't our churches practise divine healing as set out in the New Testament? (Part 2).

I do not know of any New Testament passages which tell us to pray over and lay hands on the sick at the gospel services as your question suggests. Preaching and healing are sometimes mentioned together, and you can even find healing given apparent first place in the ministry of Christ. This is a false impression. The gospel must come first with us, as it did with Christ. Healing and preaching do not necessarily belong together. They are undoubtedly related, but to link them in the way that some do is to give undue importance to health.

Healing is only one of the by-products of faith. It is not to be considered as an end in itself. It is dangerous to make any physical or material advantage a motive for coming to Christ. When Jesus fed the crowds, the people decided that they would like him for their King. Jesus had come with the express purpose of being King, but not the kind of king they had in mind. He refused, and when they persisted he sharply rebuked them for their wrong motives.

Surely it would be just as wrong to come to Christ only for healing. It has been the experience of Christian people who have served in healing groups that some were willing to have faith in God for healing, but they were not willing to let that same God control their lives. It will be the one who searches for God as God who finds true health, rather than the one who is simply searching for healing.

Let us not confuse the issues by giving over-emphasis to physical healing in our gospel services. Our preaching is directed to win people to commit themselves to God — and that commitment is the chief end of life.

Your question, however, demands that I give an honest answer to the place healing should have in our ministry. I am satisfied that God wants us to have health. I am convinced and thrilled by the modern miracles described by Glenn Clark, Starr Daily, Frank Laubach, Stanley Jones, Catherine Marshall and others. Christ can heal today, and I hope that the churches will support and encourage a healing ministry.

Two points I would still like to make concern the ways in which Christ can heal, and miracles which are greater than physical healing.

Next Week: More about healing.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., NOV. 18. — Back at Doncaster this morning, I felt once again that there is something quite different about preaching to one's own congregation. I told them that I had spoken at so many consecutive anniversary services that I felt like a man who, after a continuous diet of caviar, returns happily (and I hoped the ladies wouldn't misunderstand me here!) to a plain diet once more. Tonight I returned to the anniversary series — Brighton's 103rd. — but with the pleasure of renewing many happy associations of my former ministry.

MON., NOV. 19. — A phone call from the Social Service Dept. sent me visiting in the hope of being able to arrange some help for them in a present emergency. As I did so, I thought of all it means to our brotherhood to have our Social Service Homes in the various States — and the selfless service of all the staffs.

TUES., NOV. 20. — We appreciated the hospitality of the Swanston-st. church tonight in making its buildings available for the C.M.S. Annual Rally. Underlining our closer associations with the Baptists was the presence of their Men's Society president as guest speaker.

WED., NOV. 21. — I notice that Dr. Harley Patterson asks in the October issue of *World Call*: "Do ministers need a 25-hour day?", and mentions a minister who resigned as "a protest against denominational programmes which require the whole week to be spent attending meetings, conferences, committees . . . and leaves no time for prayer, contemplation and scholarship." Here is a protest that deserves to be heard and considered — and not least by some of us ministers, who allow life to be cluttered up with too many little things.

THURS., NOV. 22. — At noon, I represented our churches at a brief memorial service for Countess De L'Isle at St. Paul's Cathedral — and then spent a crowded afternoon at the A.C. office before presiding over tonight's Executive meeting.

FRI., NOV. 23. — I paused during my lunch at the Austral to look again at Patterson's article. He gives his own time-table as a minister, beginning at 5 a.m. and going through till 9.30 p.m. Almost the only time he seems to be with his family is for a possible few minutes at breakfast, and the 6 to 7 "dinner with the family" period. That's all wrong to me — all of us, ministers included, must give more time than that to our families.

SAT., NOV. 24. — Today I practised what I preached to myself yesterday!

HERE AND THERE

His many friends in the brotherhood will be sorry to learn that, after a week at home following prolonged hospital treatment, H. R. Coventry (former missionary to India) suffered a relapse, and has had to return to the Will H. Clay Hospital. We are sure that many will remember him and his loved ones in their prayers at this time.

It has now been decided that the 1963 Victorian-Tasmanian Conference will begin with a devotional service on Sunday afternoon, March 31, at which the Conference President (C. G. Taylor, B.A.) will give his address. Business sessions will follow on the Monday and Tuesday nights, April 1 and 2; the Women's Conference will be held on April 3, and further General Conference business sessions will follow on Thursday and Friday nights, thus allowing increased time for business over that allotted in recent years. An innovation in the form of the President's Garden Party on the Saturday afternoon will provide opportunity for informal fellowship, and in the evening a Conference Rally will be held. The climax of Conference will come with the Conference Sermon session in the Melbourne Town Hall, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 7, when the Incoming President will be inducted to office.

L. G. Cooke was inducted into the ministry of the Collins-st., Hobart (Tas.) Church of Christ at its morning session on Nov. 18. The service was conducted by the elders: A. E. Heard presided, B. J. Golder delivered the charge, and the intercessory prayer for pastor and people was led by J. Park. After he and the family had been welcomed into the fellowship, Mr. Cooke gave a short address, emphasising that his commission was from God. The evening service was preceded by a social tea in the chapel hall, presided over by D. Hemmings. Mrs. Cooke was presented with a sheaf of flowers on behalf of the ladies by Mrs. Clifford, and greetings from the Margaret-st. (Launceston) church and Home Missions Committee were read by M. Atwell. Mr. Cooke responded. His subject for the evening, "Christ the King," received a very attentive and appreciative hearing.

In a recent visit to Melbourne, Gordon Powell, minister of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Sydney, told how a challenge, six months ago to lead the Protestant churches of Young, in N.S.W., in a united evangelistic crusade had led

him to a most important decision. "After 24 years in the ministry I have, within the last six months, commenced to appeal for decisions for Christ," he said. He had broken through the limitations of regarding himself as primarily a pastor and not an evangelist, and had had the joy of seeing many make their decision for Christ, or respond to the call to full-time Christian service, in the past six months. Summing up, he said, "God's mighty power has been manifest in lives transformed. That's why I call for decisions for Christ."

On Nov. 16, Lygon-st. chapel, Carlton, Vic., was crowded out for the Federal College of the Bible service of graduation and ordination. Many interstate visitors, including thirteen parents of those graduating, were gladly welcomed. Dr. W. A. Kemp presided and Miss Vera Louey was at the organ. Principal E. L. Williams told of the work of those completing their courses, presented diplomas, and later led the ordination service. C. G. Taylor (Pres. Vic-Tas. Conf.) assisted and Walter J. Lantz brought a message full of kindly counsel and encouragement to the one lady, and eleven young men about to take up full-time service. The prayer of dedication and hymn of commitment climaxed a moving and memorable occasion.

W. J. Thomson has accepted a further appointment of two years with the church at Croydon, Vic.

With a debt of £27,500 still remaining on the Churches of Christ Centre in Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, the Vic-Tas. Conference Executive recently authorised an appeal by letter to members of our churches included in the Conference, many of whom had previously given warm and practical support to the Centre. The Conference Secretary reports that, as a result, the sum of £2,575 has been received to date. It is hoped that many others will yet respond to the appeal, including some who may be learning through this paragraph for the first time of the urgent need to clear the Centre of debt as soon as possible. Donations may be sent to W. W. Saunders, Conference Secretary, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne.

E. A. Peters, recently re-elected as organist and choirmaster of the church at Camberwell, Vic., has now completed 30 years of this splendid musical ministry — one of a band of musicians who mean much to our churches.

Graduation Service

Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W.

The twenty-first College year at Woolwich was marked by a very successful Graduation Service at Enmore, on Nov. 16.

Visitors were welcomed by the chairman, D. Verco, from Victoria and Qld., beside those who came from many country centres. Many were not able to gain entry into the main hall of the church. Extra seating was provided for this overflow congregation.

Devotions were led by B. Reid, R. Powell and G. Hopson. R. Fennell presented a cheque for the New Library Building Fund to the Principal, on behalf of the ex-students. M. Campbell and J. Main delivered helpful addresses.

After the Principal had presented diplomas, the N.S.W. Conf. Pres., L. Wylie, gave the charge to the men taking up church work. Dr. A. G. Elliott commended the young people to the Lord. B. Benz, student president, responded with thanks on behalf of those leaving College.

Singing by the students' choir and a quartet by Messrs. Foletta, Hall, Surtees and Armstrong were features of the evening's programme. The closing prayer by D. Schofield, B.E., brought a very successful graduation service to a close.

Those who received diplomas are: B. Reid, who goes to Qld.; B. Benz, to Belrose-Nth. Balgowlah; B. Armstrong, to Carlingbah; M. Campbell to New Zealand; G. Hopson, to Queensland; M. Hodgson, to Wingham-Taree; J. Main, to Auburn; D. Schofield (Honors Diploma) to extra studies at University; D. Surtees, to Bowral; M. Hall, to Pendle Hill; D. Foletta, Canley Heights; R. Powell, to Inverell. Miss Bussey, Missionary Certificate. Two others, who completed four years' study, have been called to serve churches in New South Wales. J. Sedman goes to Wyoming and A. Smith for a short ministry at Mayfield.

With this addition to the preaching forces in the State of New South Wales, there will be many more ministers serving churches and the brotherhood than at any other time. Already there are indications that there is an upsurge in the life of the churches as a result of the growing number of churches being served by full-time ministers.

There has been an encouraging response to the Library Building Appeal. At the recent College Board meeting it was announced that over £1,500 had been given in direct gifts for this project to mark the twenty-first anniversary of the College.—A. W. Stephenson, Principal.



Supplies by R. S. McLean.

Never a Dull Moment!

F. Beale.

Recently Sister Schaeffer, of the Baptist Mission in the Baiyer Valley of N.G., was able to pay Mrs. Beale a two weeks' visit — the first time they had met since they parted as nurses 13 years before. I walked down to Awar to meet the M.A.F. 'plane that was to bring her in. As so often happens it landed at Awar late, too late for the long walk back to Tung before nightfall. So it was decided to try going up the Makarup road in the Land Rover, and walking from its present terminus to Tung, a 2½ hour walk. A few days without rain had made the road traffickable, and all was without incident, except that even with this time-saving route the last half hour was walked with torches through the jungle.

After a happy fortnight in which lots of notes were exchanged on different aspects of the respective Missions, the time came for departure. The two weeks had been virtually without rain, and it was hoped that the Makarup road would be usable. But on the morning of departure it rained — not heavily, but about 40 points. Still, it was decided to try the road as the sky was clearing. The walk to the road terminus, which is at present the Catholic Mission at Makarup, was without incident, but the men who were carrying the baggage lagged behind, and did not arrive until 20 minutes after. How we begrudged those 20 minutes. As we arrived at the Mission where the Land Rover was parked, the priest came up from the road to the coast. His Land Rover, on its way back, had slid off the road into a gutter when he went to park it. It did not sound a good omen, but we decided to try getting out. We collected a spade and some rope to pull him out on our way. Then we had to wait for the carriers.

When they did arrive we set out. We soon discovered what the road was like. The rain had made it like grease, and as some of the hills have grades of 1 in 4 or 5, and also go around bends, it was no picnic. The first hill going down was just a slide, though the Rover was in 4-wheel drive and low ratio, and lowest gear. The next one going up demanded all out and push, as well

as putting some bamboo matting down. The next big hill was steep, greasy and down-hill. At its first bend, the Rover just kept going, despite gears and steering — to put on brakes would have aggravated things. When it stopped there was a bank on that side of the bend, and not a drop of a couple of hundred feet. A bit of pushing and manœuvring got round that bend, but the next bend did have a drop on its outswing. The Rover just slid, and was only just stopped. Then, with all available manpower ranged along the side of the utility, and all passengers out except the driver, we slowly backed and filled until we got round the bend by the sheer weight of manpower holding it on to the road. This was the worst spot — by now it was 2 p.m. and the sun was drying out the road. We came to the place where the priest had bogged, and had him out in 10 minutes. He went back to Makarup while we went on to the coast. Then ahead of us appeared a black cloud. We went as fast as we dared (approx. 8 m.p.h.) over the hilly sections to try to beat the rain, but to no avail. A shower hit us right on the last of the really big hills, and we stuck half-way up. If we had not stuck on the way up, we could have gone over the edge on the way down, it was so greasy. We had travelled about 3-4 miles of the 20 miles to the nearest point on the coast. That 3-4 miles had taken over one hour. When the rain stopped we tried again, but without success; the wheels just slipped, so we had to start walking. As Sister Schaeffer said, it was a relief to walk after the slides and slips of driving. However, we found on the other side of the hill there had been no rain, and if we had been ten minutes earlier we would have beaten the rain and been able to drive all the way over the most undulating country that remained. If only the carriers had come more quickly to Makarup! When we finally arrived at the nearest plantation on the coast it was 10 p.m., and though the Manager was in bed he willingly got up and arranged beds and hot baths for us.

The next morning the Manager took us to the airstrip to wait for the 'plane. After leaving Sister Schaeffer, the carrier boys and I began the 20-mile walk back to Tung.

We had left one carrier at the turn off where the Tung track leaves

the coast road. He had the pack containing my walking boots, socks, food, hat and mail. He had been told to wait for us, as we would be there between 12 noon and 1 p.m. I walked from Awar to the turnoff in sandals as it was a good road, but at the turnoff there was no one in sight. One of the carriers who had come to Awar with me said that the missing man had gone up the track, so off we went, barefooted now as sandals were no good in the mud. It did not take us long to realise that the foot-prints that we were following were not those of the man we wanted, but were earlier prints. But it was too late to turn back, so it was off to Tung barefooted through the mud and without lunch. We found a couple of ripe coconuts and ate them with a little bit of saksak that one man was carrying. We arrived back at Tung by 6 p.m., and the carrier who was supposed to be waiting for us arrived next day. He had been asleep in the bush further along the road when he should have been waiting for us. How often God's work goes slowly because those who should be ready and waiting are asleep.

But the Land Rover was still stuck up the Makarup road. The track from the coast road to Tung goes into the bush at Nubia and passes through lots of swampy country, where a vehicle could not go without a lot of road work. The Makarup road leaves the coast close to Bogia at Potsdam and follows the hills to avoid the swamps. It is a wide arc of 40 miles from Awar to Tung, compared to the 20 miles of the walking track. The next day was spent helping Tung men work a bridge over the creek at Tung in anticipation of the day when the road from Tung links up with the Makarup road. The following day I went off walking once more. It took 3½ hours to walk to the stranded Rover, but it was no trouble to drive it out, as there had been sun the previous day and the road was dry. We went to Bogia, did some business and collected mail. Then we set off back to Makarup. The priest was also on his way back so we followed each other up the road. Then at the last group of hills we found it had rained just there while we were on the coast, and we both stuck fast on the hill where we had nearly gone over on the way down. Once again it was a case of abandoning the Rover and walking back to Tung. The priest offered to drive the Rover to Makarup when it was dry. I gave him the keys and set off for Tung, arriving about 8 p.m. Those three days had covered approximately 58 miles of walking, 6 hours of driving covering another 75 miles, and had included an airdrop. There is never a dull moment!



Discipleship

Lorraine Moyle, North Perth, W.A.
 Graham Cavill, Boronia, Vic.
 Mrs. J. Brown, jnr., Mrs. McMahon,
 Mr. Nicholson, Subiaco, W.A.
 Murray Adamthwaite, David Lang-
 ley, Bendigo, Vic.
 Judith Holden, Croydon, Vic.
 Pamela Bell, Jenifer Singh, Forest-
 ville, S.A.
 James Jackson, Wagga Wagga,
 N.S.W.
 Barbara Curtis, Robyn Lee, Oak-
 leigh, Vic.
 Lyle Yates, Surrey Hills, Vic.
 Graham Burman, Red Cliffs, Vic.
 Jan Price, Ross Bishop, North
 Essendon, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. Parrington, from Kadina;
 Robin Francis, from Prospect to
 Forestville, S.A.
 Mrs. L. Wallace, Mrs. Niblock to
 Warrawong, N.S.W.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawry, Oakleigh to
 Cheltenham, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Driver, Ascot Vale
 to Milleara, Vic.

Marriage

Joyce Denner to John Geddes,
 Kangaroo Flat, Vic.
 Blanche Eastwood to Clive Thorn-
 ton; June Olssen to Geoffrey
 Marsh, Bendigo, Vic.
 Margaret Verco to Bryson Gale,
 Chatswood, N.S.W.
 Lucinda Hocking to Bert Gilbert,
 Carlton, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Middleton, snr., Corrigin, W.A.
 B. Cotton, Subiaco, W.A.
 Syd. Gole, Chatswood, N.S.W.
 Mrs. C. Judd, Cheltenham, Vic.
 Mrs. Cossart, Mrs. McGregor, Too-
 woomba, Qld.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Samuel and Japheth (New Hebrides) recently gave messages in word and song. B.S. anniversary, Oct. 28; speaker, E. K. Morrison (Invermay). At prizegiving on 30th, Miss J. Hunting gave illus-
 trated talk on progress of work in New Guinea. Evening concluded with screening of film, *The First Step*. Other speakers during month were W. Ratcliffe, P. Bellchambers, T. Gardiner and N. Hunt (Middle East General Mission). Slides of Egypt and Eritrea shown.

QUEENSLAND

Toowoomba (A. C. Thurrowgood - H. J. Finger). — Morning service broadcast 4GR, Nov. 18. Church pleased to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell. Youth concert held 16th. Miss Marian Argus married. Church has had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, prior to their tak-
 ing up work at Lowood. Explorer club had weekend camp at Flagstone Creek, Nov. 3-4. Delegation of 35 went to Ipswich on 10th for Missionary Convention. Film, *Answer for Anne*, screened Nov. 4. Church sympathises with relatives of late Mrs. Cossart and Mrs. McGreggor.

Dalby (P. C. Woolford). — Young girl who made decision in recent mission baptised and welcomed into church. Attendances and spiritual tone high, and all looking forward to opening of new hall and education block in new area of town, Dec. 1. Working bee from Toowoomba men greatly appreciated. Visit from Mr. Bhonsle gave church an insight into the Indian work.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Corrigin. — L. G. Cooke (past Conf. Pres.) and former minister paid farewell visit and gave address to midweek prayer meeting. Dr. Michael and Ron Michael fellowshipped with church, Oct. 28, when Dr. Michael led services, spoke on work in India and showed slides. Sympathy of church expressed to relatives of late Mrs. Middleton, snr. Annual busi-
 ness meeting held Nov. 15. P. T. Tipton was appointed member of Officers' Board; retiring sec. and treas. re-elected.

Cottesloe (G. Powell). — Y.P. started series of Fri. fellowship meetings. Week

of World Outreach meetings, Nov. 13-18; speakers, Messrs. Melsapp and Dawson. Subiaco choir delightfully rendered *The Greatest Story Yet Untold*. Excellent missionary display created much interest. Parcel sent to Margaret and Allan Fletcher, Chungribu (New Guinea). Mr. Booth (B. & F. B. S.) a.m. speaker, Nov. 4. Mrs. Robertson (Social Service deaconess) spoke at youth tea and was also gospel soloist. Talent effort resulted in almost £100, half of which is for Missions, remainder to help reduce church debt. Aged Mr. Jeffrey now an inmate of Alfred Carson Home.

North Perth (J. K. Robinson). — H. Millsop (C.I.M.) speaker Nov. 4; both services well attended. J. Stewart elected B.S. supt. C.M.S. conducted hills outing, 10th. G. Miles (Darwin), Miss K. Sands (N.S.W.), Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Alma, J. Britton (Vic.) have visited church. A young lady accepted Christ, 11th. B.S. and C.E. have increased membership and church is experiencing revival.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Harvest Thanksgiving held, and goods given to Welfare Federation and Guest Home. L. G. Cooke gave farewell message at morning service before leaving for Tasmania. Miss M. Peacock spoke on Fed. Conf. at youth tea. Choir visited Cottesloe missionary rally, and South Perth, to honor R. Raymond's 50 years of preaching. Rendering of cantata, *The Greatest Story Yet Untold*, was greatly enjoyed. Y.P. farewelled Carol Harvey before leaving for Sydney. They also held successful hike to hills, 33 attending. Aged flats project well under way. Great interest in district at this undertaking. Y.P. working on projects to assist church and Norseman Centre.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Chatswood (A. W. Stephenson, M.A. - G. Chapman). — Pulpit exchanges with Baptist brethren most helpful. Sunday a.m. adult study group discussing morning Scripture readings prior to service. Quarterly church dinner brought members together in happy fellowship, also church picnic on 17th at Nielsen Park. Fred. Stephenson will lead midweek prayer and Bible study in 1963. Since his arrival from West Aust. he and family have given valuable service. Church assisting neighboring Belrose with manpower for Sunday services, and men's working bee. Turramurra

fellowship meeting regularly for studies, and pray that gospel meetings may shortly be commenced in that district. Men's Society met local Baptists for bowls, also address given by David Verco on **Church Unity**. Women's work very active — met with our Indian reps. at church luncheon, 15th; assists local Council weekly with senior citizens' dinner. C.W.E.F. had excellent attendance, 12th, when cooking expert demonstrated. C.W.A.F., on 6th, heard Miss Clucas (Sudan United Mission).

Albury - Lavington - Wodonga (D. Oldfield). — Mission at Lavington going well, good attendances, three adult decisions to date. Fine spirit prevails. Meetings for gospel service at Albury closed down during mission. Support from Wangaratta and Wagga appreciated. Many visitors present a.m. Albury, 18th. Combined prayer session held Wednesday evenings. Sis. Silver in hospital. R. Greenhalgh conducted teachers' instruction classes, which were greatly appreciated and well attended.

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). — R. Greenhalgh (Director, Christian Education) conducted series of training sessions for teachers of Wagga and Koorringal B.S., Nov. 8-11, and addressed both services on 11th. A bandsman from R.A.E. Military Band has decided for Christ and was baptised on 18th. W. Veith (Youth for Christ, India) spoke a.m. 18th. Several Y.P. assist in Y.F.C. outreach to district centres, and visits have been made by men of church to Mannus prison farm with Gideons, where there have been some conversions.

Hamilton (W. D. Howard). — Large attendances marked B.S. anniversary, Oct. 21; speaker, R. Elbourne (Georgetown). Prizes were distributed to kinders in afternoon and senior school, p.m. Miss A. Fraser dux of school. Concert and picture programme completed celebrations, 27th. A. R. Pigdon (Aust. Director, J.E.W.) gave illustrated address p.m., Nov. 4. C. Fraser welcomed back after illness. A. Fraser and H. Mensen have, due to failing health, resigned as church trustees. Their services recognised in special church minute. Visitors have included Sis. G. Tregloan (S.A.) and K. McKay (N.Z.).

Warrawong (A. A. McRoberts). — Chapel crowded for 12th church anniversary, Nov. 11, when fellowship was enjoyed with many former members and friends. John Main was speaker at both services. C.M.S. attended annual men's dinner at Burwood. C.W.F. conducted devotional meeting at Thirroul Rest Home. Two ladies welcomed into fellowship. G.L.B. members examined for safety badge. Nov. being observed as Loyalty Month and minister presented special prayer plan to church.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — Good attendance a.m., Nov. 18. Church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Sercombe, snr. (Boronia, Vic.), also Mr. and Mrs. Nation (Northcote, Vic.). Evening service featured parade of G.L.B. and boys' gymnasium. Surprise feature of evening was presentation of posy to all ladies as they entered, by G.L.B. members. R. H. Sercombe was speaker. Film, Geo. Muller, was screened and friendship hour concluded happy evening; 103 were present.

Balaklava (K. J. Patterson, B.Comm.). — Gospel services highlighted by choir, parades by youth clubs and St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Y.P.C.E. held break-up social in C. Shepherd's barn. Dorcas ladies displayed clothing made for Morialta Children's Home, at meeting conducted by Owen ladies.

Forestville (N. Gavros). — Annual church business meeting held Nov. 14. W. R. C. Bell re-elected elder; deacons: B. Cutts, F. G. Samels, re-elected, Dr. T. Taylor elected; deaconesses: Mesd. F. Samels, C. Woods, M. Tippet, re-elected. P. Fopp was morning speaker, and two young men (D. Drilling and J. Harris) were evening speakers in minister's absence at Naracoorte. Mr. James, who has been in membership at Forestville for 42 years, celebrated his 90th birthday and 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. New celebrated golden wedding. Several members ill. Av. communicants, Oct., 108.

Hampstead Gardens (K. B. Marriott). — Recent weeks have shown decided improvement in attendance at gospel services. Special vocal items arranged by Mrs. Lewis a feature. Church showed great interest in recent election of elders by preferential voting method. Four elders elected: C. J. Parker, M. Coombs, A. N. Bright, H. E. Lawrie. C.W.A.F. had final meeting for year, doing sewing for Overseas Missions and mending for Morialta Protestant Children's Home. Minister conducting instruction class of nearly 30 Y.P., leading up to a Decision Sunday.

Maylands (D. G. Hammer). — Church received thanks of Koongarra Park church for assistance in last 6½ years. Mr. Hudd, snr., received congratulations on 95th birthday. £15/17/- for Mission Projects raised by odd jobs being done by C.E. members. R. D. Russ (N.Z.) spoke at evening service.

VICTORIA

Croydon (W. J. Thomson). — Annual business meeting Nov. 2, when good reports were received from all auxiliaries. Ais Pormes (Indonesia)

a.m. speaker, 4th. C.Y.F. visited ABV2, Oct. 29. Mrs. M. Knee in hospital; G. Floyd recovering from accident.

Ararat (K. J. Hank). — B.S. anniversary held. Scholars attended a.m. service, Nov. 7, tea and social evening, 13th. P.S.A. addressed by F. Hunting, 14th. 16 Y.P. met to re-form C.Y.F. They attended C.E. district rally at Horsham, 27th. C.W.F. attended Horsham group's birthday and had visit from Woman to Woman evangelism team. Visit from Jan Hunting (New Guinea) and Winifred Enderby (Lebanon) widened missionary vision of church.

Horsham (T. V. Weir). — B.S. anniversary Oct. 7 and 14. T. V. Weir and E. Patterson (East Burwood) speakers. On 21st, a.m. speaker was J. Reid (Clayton). B.S. picnic held at Mt. Arapiles, Nov. 3. Four B.S. girls have made decisions for Christ. Ken. Sherriff now home from hospital and attending services. W.M.B. annual meeting elected: pres., Mrs. T. Weir; vice-pres., Mesd. H. Morgan and R. Hovey; sec., Mrs. H. Butler; treas., Mrs. J. Harmer.

Red Hill (M. D. Keatch). — On Oct. 26, Good Companions, under leadership of Mrs. A. Andrew, had good display of work done during year. At monthly meeting of C.W.F., Mrs. Searle spoke on **Woman to Woman** evangelism. On Nov. 1, Bayside Conference services held, commencing at 3 p.m., Mr. Keatch presiding. 8 church secretaries gave reports, all of which were encouraging. Guest speaker, C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.). Basket tea enjoyed by 80, followed by ladies' meeting at 6 p.m., when Mrs. Gillespie (Women's Conf. Treas.) was speaker and Mrs. B. Prossor, soloist. Evening meeting, at 7.30, was conducted by C.Y.F., with Mr. Taylor speaker and Miss L. Andrew, soloist. On Nov. 2, kinder and primary school held anniversary services. Mrs. Keatch gave illustrated address. Senior school anniversary on 11th, when Mr. Bosanquest was speaker. R. Holmes still ill.

Malvern. — Oct. av., B.B., 70; p.m. 50. Explorers held successful concert, Oct. 23. Speakers have been F. Buckingham, G. Carslake, F. Funston. Visitors welcomed from Port Pirie and New Zealand. Soloists were Miss E.M. Simpson, Cynthia Doyle. Officers' Board made following appointments: chairman, J. Holloway; dep. chairman, A. H. C. Pfeifer; asst. treas., J. Blucher.

Balwyn (L. F. Barker). — Chapel full p.m. Nov. 11, for students' pre-examination service, when part was taken by students, teachers and parents of students, then encouraging address by minister. Vocal and musical items given by teacher-trainees. Three made good confession. Special series of addresses bringing good at-

tendances and interest at a.m. meetings. Many visitors and interstate travellers present. C.W.E.F. entertained residents of Emmaus, 8th. P.B.P. concert in aid of Manse Fund, 9th. C.W.F. supporting Indian boy and sending food parcel to missionaries in India, and gifts for hospitals and New Hebrides. Temple Day offering, £621.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks). — Two young lads, previously baptised, received into fellowship. Miss Inez Groves (missionary-elect for India) addressed combined meeting of Drumcondra-Norlane, Oct. 28. Family tea at 5 p.m., followed by screening of U.F.M. film on New Guinea, at gospel service. C.M.S. visited and inspected Kelly's Bakery, 29th. After combined H.M. prayer meeting at Latrobe-terr., Nov. 7, A. C. Caldicott showed slides of places visited in Holy Land during his recent tour. Drumcondra minister, president and readers, exchanged platform with Belmont brethren, 11th. W.M.B. sent parcel of clothing and gifts to Roelands Aboriginal Mission, W.A. They also continue to send scarves each month to Mission to Lepers. Several members have been sick. Miss Prior now recuperating at Clayton Convalescent Hospital. Sympathy extended to A. McKay and family in bereavement.

Black Rock (G. Carslake). — B.S. anniversary in Oct. highlighted year of progress. Mrs. Burbidge gave flannelgraph talk to kinders. J. Penny (Baptist) ably led senior school singing. B.S. and Explorers helping support Aborigine child, and excellent response has made extra gift possible. On Nov. 11, church gathered in home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown to express sincere thanks to K. Pitt for B.S. work, and to minister for his loving and Christ-centred leadership in past year. Barbecue and working bee made good use of holiday, Nov. 6. Church wishes Mrs. Wishart speedy return from hospital. Miss Estelle Smith at services during leave from nursing duties in New Guinea.

Hartwell (G. A. Whiting, B.A., M.R.E., Ed.D.). — Large congregations all services B.S. anniversary. Speakers, 4th: H. J. Patterson, K. Turner, G. A. Whiting; 11th: V. Longthorp, A. E. White. Special evening service conducted by school and teachers, God Speaks To Us — in picture, song and story — arranged by Ralph Baker. School sang splendidly under leadership of R. Cleland. On 6th, 27 cars conveyed members and families over "mystery" route, finishing at Maroondah Dam; lunch and fellowship enjoyed. 17 journeyed to Glen Waverley for participation in H.M. prayer rally. Church congratulates Mr. and Mrs. F. Butler on 53rd wedding anniversary.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — On morning of Oct. 28, young lady, who

had been baptised previous week, received right hand of fellowship. W. Lantz has attended C.Y.F. meetings on two occasions, second being fair organised by Y.P., when £50 was raised for Overseas Missions. On Nov. 6, B.S. held successful picnic at Plenty Park, in which many church members and friends joined. Carl Hendy in Melbourne Hospital following accident at basketball.

North Fitzroy (J. Turner, B.A.). — B.S. anniversary, Oct. 21 and 28; good meetings. Speakers were J. Turner, H. Hince, P. Foster; choir ably led by A. Arnott. Many past members enjoyed fellowship at reunion tea. Young married Women's Fellowship had enjoyable meeting at manse. Mrs. Cox is assisting Mrs. Walker with Good Companions, thus relieving Mrs. Turner, who has given sterling service for number of years. W.M.B. has visited aged members in homes and hospitals. Friendship Week held, when members were asked to visit, write or send cards to friends and lonely folk, climaxing in evening service, when many members invited friends to tea and church.

Boronia (J. A. Manallack). — Oct. averages, 144 a.m.; 50 p.m.; 117 communicants. Miss Inez Groves (C.O.B.) spoke to C.W.E.F. prior to her going to India. Church officers and auxiliary leaders commenced series of group work discussions led by Miss Bonnie Bates (Dept. Christian Ed.). Good Companions held picnic sports afternoon, Nov. 3. C.W.F. treated 30 inner suburban pensioners to drive around Dandenongs and then tea on 10th. Ais Pormes (pres., Evangelical Schools, Indonesia) spoke at youth tea about Indonesia, then took evening service and after-church fellowship, 4th. Young man baptised, 11th. A. Page to commence student ministry at Hurstbridge.

Portland (A. C. Male). — Y.P. organised P.S.A., Oct. 28, when large congregation heard Mr. Pidgeon (Ch. of England) speak on Who? Me? Yes! You! Kaniya Y.P. were guests of Portland Y.P. that weekend, B. Williams (Kaniya) assisting with solo items. Minister has exchanged pulpits with Mr. Langmead (Baptist) and addressed Baptist B.S. anniversary. L. Mackenzie took evening service, Nov. 4, whilst minister was at Hamilton. On Nov. 7, film, Secret of the Gift, was screened, and discussion on expansion of work took place. At p.m. service, 11th, a married man and his wife, and a young lady, made their confessions of faith. Explorer club boys took part in a.m. service, 18th. Church has adopted R.S.V. Bible for pulpit and readers' use. New Visitor's Book and Roll of Remembrance have been placed in porch. Mrs. L. King, recovering from surgery; D. Langley and W. Crouch have received hospital attention.

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BIRTHS

TIPPETT (Harris). — To Jennifer and Rodney. Whyalla, S.A., on Nov. 14, a daughter — Vivienne Carol.

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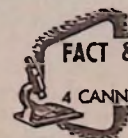
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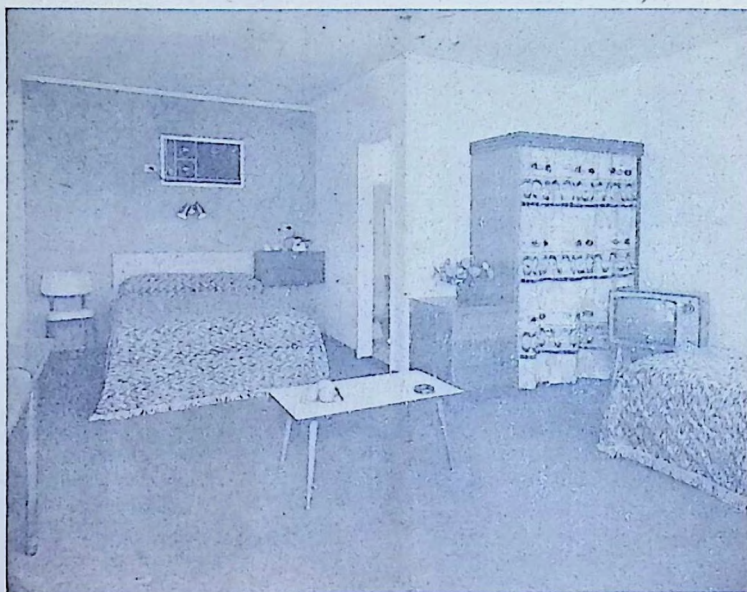
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Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — 103rd church anniversary services, Nov. 18, well attended, 200 present at both services, when speakers were S. H. Wilson, a.m., and C. G. Taylor (Conf. Pres.) p.m. 185 at P.S.A. enjoyed organ recital and singing by I. Thomas and St. Andrews Choristers. 148 present at fellowship tea. Minister conducted special weekly discipleship classes for inter. B.S. scholars during Nov. T. R. Morris (Life Elder) indisposed and greatly missed from fellowship. Young lady made good confession at a gospel service.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan). — B.S. anniversary had 240 children on platform, 230 adults in hall on first afternoon. Visiting speakers were M. Keatch and J. Henley. Religious drama, *An Open Door*, was presented by Y.P. Successful concert, Oct. 26. W. White preached a.m. Nov. 4, in minister's absence at Emerald. Monster fair held 17th in aid of Building Fund. 70 fathers and sons enjoyed fellowship round tea table on Boys' Sunday, followed by church parade of Explorer boys. Church saddened by passing of Mrs. C. Judd.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — Social evening, Nov. 3, honored three couples on approach of marriage. Short-st., Kangaroo Flat and Spring Gully combined B.S. picnic held at Ravenswood, 6th. Church celebrated 96th anniversary, Nov. 11; C. G. Taylor (Conf. Pres.) guest preacher. A.m. service broadcast 3BO. Offering £170. One decision. 24 attended "Dads and Lads" tea, 18th. Film, *A Clean House*, screened p.m.; 4 decisions; two young men baptised.

Toolgarook (H. A. Hunt). — B.S. anniversary, Oct. 21, under leadership of D. Watt, was well attended. Speaker at afternoon service was Mrs. Fullerton (Gardiner). Social and prizegiving night well attended on 27th, when two gold medals were presented for 5 years' unbroken attendance, to Heather Burnham and Chad Tasker.

Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Church expresses sympathy to Mrs. G. Smith in death of father in Scotland. B.S. picnic at Aspendale, Nov. 6, most successful, nearly 100 attending. Mrs. M. Morrison (Hartwell) addressed W.M.B. at last meeting, telling of her experiences at World Convention in Edinburgh. Church and midweek attendances still at high level.

Brunswick (R. E. Burns). — Attendances affected by sickness. Mrs. Kinnear and Mr. Rowan still in hospital. Laurie Hannah home, Mr. Gray ill. Basketball team now in "A" grade. After a lapse, B.S. decided to hold a picnic on Nov. 6; it proved quite successful. Church held 80th anniversary on Oct. 28. Pleasant day enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Watt and their three daughters (Gardiner) gave

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camp reunion. B.S. picnic held at
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social for Good Companions and Ex-
plorers held 8th. Guest speaker for
C.W.A.F., 13th, was Mrs. Blackburn,
who spoke on **Freedom from Hunger**.
Christian nursing sister, Miss Joan
Turnham, was speaker at Y.P.C.E.,
14th. B. Marchant spoke to Junior
Good Companions, 15th, and seniors
held a swimming night. On 16th,
C.Y.F. held film night, proceeds in
aid of Monbulk appeal. Men and
boys featured in services on 18th. Tea
was held, when speaker was Cr. S.
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gan. Minister gave messages in keep-
ing with Boys' Sunday theme. Num-
ber of visitors have been welcomed.

Camberwell. (K. W. Barton, L.Th.,
Dip.R.E.). — B.S. anniversary speak-
ers were R. H. Barnes, A. E. White
and K. W. Barton. On church anni-
versary, Nov. 11, splendid attendances
at three services; S. H. Wilson and
D. Nicholls, M.B.E., visiting speakers.
Baptismal service, 4th, when 4 Y.P.
were immersed. I. Allsop (C.O.B.)
spoke a.m., Oct. 28. At annual church
business meeting, following were elec-
ted: elders: W. A. Fordham, C.
Brown, E. Allsop; deacons: F. Ryall,
O. Johnston, E. Stones, B. McCoull;
deaconesses: Mesd. Lowry, E. Allsop,
F. Willing; sec., E. Allsop; treas., A.
Stock; organist and choirmaster, E. A.
Peters. A. Mitchell has returned after
illness, and Mrs. McDiarmid has had
relapse after surgery.

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