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NEW MANSE SHEPPARTON, VIC.

Pictured below is the manse at 4 Litani-st., Shepparton, Vic., purchased by the church at Shepparton at the cost of £8,300. This amount has been financed partly from the sale of the old manse, approximately £4,000, and the remaining £4,300 by loan from the Properties Corporation. (The church has the sum of £4,000 which has been raised for the New Hall Fund, and held for that purpose.)

This home is of cream brick and consists of an entrance hall, large lounge, diningroom, three bedrooms, study, kitchen, etc. The study is a spacious room, with large window, giving good light, and has built-in book shelves. This room was built on to the existing building and has

its entrance facing east on to the driveway. Another door gives access to the rear of the house.

The kitchen is lined with cupboards, and has an electric stove for use in the summer and a slow combustion stove for winter use. The hot water service is by electricity in summer, while it is through the S.C. stove in winter.

The walls of the bathroom are tiled with dark green tiles, and the bath and vanity basin are pink. The separate shower recess is glassed in, and has a tiled floor. The laundry has a stainless steel trough and a generous supply of cupboards.

The home is fitted throughout with attractive light fittings, venetian

blinds to all windows, and a Wonderheat, with thermostatically controlled fan, in the lounge.

When the home was purchased the floors of the hall, lounge and dining room, were covered with inlaid lino, and since then the ladies of the congregation have supplied attractive colored lino tiles with black border, covering the floors of kitchen, bathroom, laundry and back hall, and they have had the three bedrooms and study floors sanded and covered with plastic polish.

There is a large garage and workshop, with slide-up door, electric light and power point. This has a concrete floor throughout. The full width of the driveway is concreted and a wide area terraced in concrete at the front of the house.

The manse was ready for Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McIntosh and family to take up residence on their arrival in Shepparton.

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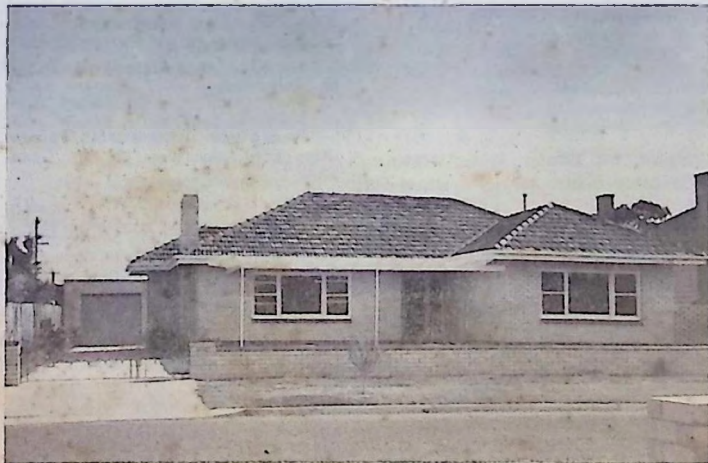
Youth Director Resigns



Roy Greenhalgh.

Nineteen years ago, Roy Greenhalgh was called to a specialised ministry with the Young People's Department of our brotherhood in N.S.W. With dedicated service, Mr. Greenhalgh has, without doubt, through these years supplied the inspiration and drive from which the Departmental work has grown to what it is today.

The N.S.W. Department of Christian Education regrets to announce that Mr. Greenhalgh has resigned as Director as from Aug. 25, to take up a full-time ministry with the church at Grote-st., Adelaide.—John Morris, Chairman.





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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of March 20, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

William Gale to be Youth Organizer, N.S.W. — The N.S.W. Bible School Committee has been successful in securing the services of William Gale, of Castlemaine, Vic., for organising work in N.S.W. He is highly commended as an intelligent B.S. enthusiast and a capable organiser. Brought up in the State, he is an alumnus of the Campbell Edwards Training Class, of Enmore, whence he went to the College of the Bible, Melbourne. Having completed the College course, he took up work under the Vic. H.M. Committee, and has done splendid work. His chief success, however, has been in the B.S. work, from which trait the Committee concluded him to be the man for the work in N.S.W.

Launceston Federal Mission.—A. P. Wilson cables: "Weather good, meetings excellent, results marvellous; twenty-eight welcomed yesterday; confessions, two hundred and ten; interest continually widening; seven confessions last night, six men; consensus of opinion outsiders greatest mission ever seen here; many converts representative people; urgent need settle building; ask continuance of prayers."

Result of Gas Strike. — One good result of the Sydney gas strike has been that churches which were compelled to hold open-air services have been impressed with the possibilities of such meetings. We may hear of churches shutting up their chapels occasionally on Sunday evenings and conducting the less orthodox but more practical open-air gospel proclamation.

This Kind of Telegram would still be Appreciated. — T. Hagger wires: "Stawell (Vic.) mission closed Monday; seventy confessions, two baptised believers, one restoration; twenty-three new subscribers to the 'Christian'."

From Here and There. — The Melbourne Church of Christ Musical Society's concert, which is one of the features of our Victorian Conference gatherings, promises to be above the usual standard this year . . . Marriksville (N.S.W.) meetings were small on March 9 owing to the floods, which were particularly severe in parts of the district . . . Prahran (Vic.) church reports thirty additions to membership since the new year, a clear gain of 100 B.S. scholars, and an average attendance at Adult Bible Class during the last three months of 91 . . . The third anniversary services of the Maylands (S.A.) church were held on March 9 and 13, with 179 on the roll (66 additions last year) and 200 in B.S.

- THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE -

During the past week, the famous British newspaper, *The Times*, sounded a warning to the nation concerning imperilled freedoms of the individual. "The Executive has taken over power from Parliament," said its leader. "It rules, or fails to rule, by a tacit agreement with outside forces in the community that their authority also shall not be challenged. The administrators at all levels decide more and more without the citizen having effective redress." The article went on to say, "What makes the business so grave is the degree of ignorance, complacency and apathy towards the particular dangers perpetually threatening every society. . . There really are people who believe that the encroachments of authority, the corruption of society and maladministration can be safely left to the powers-that-be to put right."

At the same time (and reported on the same page in the *Melbourne Herald*, 20/3/63), American newspaper men have attacked their Government for "lying in its reports to the people in the times of crisis."

These warnings arose out of different issues in Great Britain and the United States, but they are not without their application to our Australian life as well. Eternal vigilance is still the price of freedom, in all areas of human activity, *including the Church*. For there are those just as concerned as writers we have quoted, who see perils to the Church in what they regard as authoritarian trends. Within our own ranks there are those who believe we are moving dangerously away from the congregationalism of our forefathers, and that the freedom of individuals and individual churches is being circumvented by such "leader groups" as Conference Executives and Departments. It has been argued that, despite the fact that we set our faces against the idea of "clergy-dominated" Conferences and allowed for delegate representation by churches and participation in debate simply on the basis of membership "in good standing and fellowship", in actual practice ministers or Departmental leaders take up most of the speaking time at any Conference — a speaking time drastically reduced in today's crowded programmes. It is claimed that this plays into the hands of leaders who ask for little more than general acceptance of policies the rank-and-file have had no worthwhile chance to discuss. A provocative *Open Forum* letter in this issue raises points in this connection well worth noting. Other less kindly critics maintain that the real power in our brotherhood is coming to lie in the hands of a few in each State — the so-called "hierarchy." Contributing to this, they believe, is the growing tendency to have more

full-time men at the head of Conference and Departmental affairs.

Let it be said at once that the facts show how foolish and without foundation is this suspicion of domination by a "hierarchy." Victoria is the State with the largest number of full-time Departmental workers — seven, in addition to office staff. The Conference Secretary is also a full-time servant of the brotherhood. Far from these leaders, together with the Conference Officers, forming a coterie apart, it is certain that in no previous year in our history has there been such a widespread and personal liaison with the work of individual churches. Between them, the President and Secretary have paid more than a hundred visits to churches, and Departmental leaders have an impressive record of personal aid given to churches, through the week, as well as on Sundays. This is as it should be. These leaders are *servants* of the brotherhood, and seek no higher honor than to help the churches face up to all the challenges involved in being called *Churches of Christ*. We are confident that the same can be said of other State and Federal leaders.

I believe in the closest possible liaison between leaders and those they seek to serve. It is only when that breaks down that dangers arise. It must be said that if that *does* happen on the church level, it may not be the leaders' fault — a rigid independency that mistrusts the offered help can also make such a liaison impossible.

No leader amongst us is beyond the reach of any member of our churches. If a personal call is impossible, phone or mail are ready alternatives. The sharing of ideas and constructive criticism is valued by those who are well aware that all wisdom does not reside in them — or their committees. But they are called to *lead*, and deserve our trust and support.

On the matter of Conference business sessions, we would agree that most are too hurried and limited to too few speakers. But as a Conference reporter I have sat through business sessions in which awkward silences have *had* to be filled by Departmental men, anxious that their precious time should not be wasted. Too few delegates come to Conference thoroughly informed on the subjects being discussed; it is painfully obvious that many only begin to read the reports as they are presented. How can such men contribute intelligently to a discussion?

By all means, let the voice of the people be heard in our Conferences, but we would all do well to remember advice given to broadcasters: "Put your mind into gear before you put your mouth into motion."

LOVING THE BROTHERHOOD

J. K. Robinson,
Editor, "The Western Christian."

Brotherly love in the sense of an attitude of genuine goodwill to all men is called for by God as a fundamental of happy human relationships, and Christians are expected to set an example in this matter.

However, there are explicit directions that brotherly love is to be regarded as an essential virtue within the Christian community, and it is interesting to note the use of the definite article "the" in many passages, such as love of "the" brethren in 1 Thess. 4: 9, 1 Peter 1: 22, 1 Peter 2: 17, and love "the" brotherhood in 2 Peter 1: 17. Here the reference is to the body of believers considered as an entity, a community, as distinct from other communities, or from the general population. It implies a cohesive body, bound together by uniting principles and organisation. Hence loving "the" brethren, loving "the" brotherhood means not only a love for individual members of the brotherhood, but also for the whole body of believers as a definable community.

We are in the habit of referring to "our" brotherhood in an exclusive sense, meaning Churches of Christ as a whole. While it is natural that we should have a special affinity with those who agree with us in doctrine and church tradition, and with whom we organise for work, we should be careful not to give the impression that our understanding of the term "the brotherhood" begins and ends with Churches of Christ. In the New Testament, it means the body of Christian believers as distinct from those who are not believers, and that is the body we must love.

"Love" is a much misused and maligned term. We apply it to anything from a mere passing fancy to the most sublime passion. What kind of emotion or mental state did Peter have in mind when he enjoined us to "love the brotherhood"? We briefly suggest four things involved.

Firstly, there must be a moving conviction concerning the foundations of Christian brotherhood. Basic in this is a correct conception of Jesus Christ. We must believe in what Christ reveals himself to be in the New Testament — not in human conceptions or imaginations about him. This logically involves the acceptance of the New Testament as the authoritative Word of God about his Son, without reading into it any ideas extraneous to what is written.

But the New Testament is not satisfied with a purely intellectual assent to the doctrine of Christ, however correct it might be. Only a genuine response to the personal claims of Christ, and a genuine experience of

him in life's daily walk, is adequate. We cannot love the brotherhood if we do not know the Christ of the brotherhood. It is altogether out of character to set out to love the brotherhood in our own strength, without first loving Christ in the truth of the New Testament meaning of that term. Then as we share our experience with others, we build brotherhood and learn to love the Christian brotherhood as our own community.



J. K. Robinson.

Secondly, in loving the brotherhood we must have a patriotic passion for the honor and prestige of the brotherhood. Membership in the brotherhood should be counted as a very precious thing — too precious to be taken up or cast down at our own will. A man who said he intended to retire from church membership was asked to whom he would send his resignation. It was explained to him that as Christ had made him a member of the Church, the resignation could go only to Christ.

With a proper appreciation of the value of Church membership, we will be jealous for its good name, and personally cherish its ideals, so that they will be safe in our keeping at all times. This element in our love for the brotherhood adds purpose and dignity to our living, for there is a sense in which each one of us could say, "I am the brotherhood."

Thirdly, loving the brotherhood demands a personal regard for the individual members of the brotherhood. We are members one of an-

other, says Romans 12: 5. Cutting across all dividing lines of social, economic, or cultural status there must go the dragnet of concern and regard for each other as persons, as brethren for whom Christ died.

The acid test of religious reality is its power to produce community life, because "he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen cannot love God whom he hath not seen." There must be the willingness to adventure in fellowship and friendship, to honor and respect each other, and to help when needed.

Fourthly, in loving the brotherhood there must be an acceptance of responsibility in the affairs of the brotherhood. The brotherhood is a cohesive, definable body, organised for work under the charter of Jesus Christ. Therefore it calls for service from its members. We are called to "present our bodies a living sacrifice," and if we read the rest of Romans 12, we can see how service in the brotherhood calls for the dedication of all our faculties and resources to the service of Christ.

If we love the brotherhood we will be ready to serve, to accept leadership, and to carry responsibility, being willing to pay the price of doing so, and in general develop the mind and heart to make the expansion and success of the brotherhood our own personal concern and responsibility.

This matter of "loving the brotherhood" is no cheap and easy sentimentality, but the cultivation of a strong and stable spiritual purpose, expressing itself in the cultivation of Christian maturity and in practical service. It calls for an inward attachment to Jesus Christ; for a devotion to him of the gifts and qualities of our nature and the resources with which God has endowed us. It calls for the acceptance of responsibility, and a wise churchmanship, so that the brotherhood will cease to be a loose collection of odds and ends of believers, however sincere they might be, and become a living, cohesive community, esteemed and treasured by every member of it.—The Western Christian.

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John Saxby, of Tarce (N.S.W.) church, is congratulated on securing his Master of Science degree at the early age of 22.

A gift of £1,000 has been made to the ecumenical work camp programme of the World Council of Churches as a memorial to John Keith Cruikshank, a young Australian who died last July, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Cruikshank, of Sydney. John had attended an ecumenical work camp at Goteborg, Sweden, in 1960.

- Tasmanian District Conference -

The Tasmanian District Conference, under the Presidency of B. J. Galder, and with R. Edmunds as Secretary, was held at the Collins-st. Hobart, Church, on the weekend of Mar. 2-4. The sessions were favored with perfect weather, a distinct contrast and definite improvement over the conditions for Federal Conference last year.

Attendances were slightly below average for the business meeting and combined Home Mission and Aborigine Committee rally on the Saturday (at which D. H. Smith and J. Turner were guest speakers), but excellent attendances were recorded at both the morning and evening services on Sunday when the congregations were privileged to hear two inspiring addresses by C. G. Taylor (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.), who was the guest speaker. The evening service was climaxed most fittingly when six young people made the great decision for Christ at the conclusion of the address.

Members were also given the opportunity to see themselves as others

saw them when a series of slides of Federal Conference were shown at the conclusion of the service.

The business meeting authorised the Bethany and Social Questions Committee to conduct an appeal for £3,000 for the Bethany Home. This amount is to provide for a Station Wagon (at present Mr. Morfrew uses his own van), and pay for the extension and alterations to make the Home suitable for both girls and boys as the necessity arises. The Home is to be re-named Bethany Children's Home, although it may be some time before girls are admitted.

A Committee was formed to oversee the development of the Bichenor Camp Site. The initial development, estimated to cost £3,000, envisages installation of kitchen and toilet blocks. The Committee is to proceed with this stage of the overall plan.

Mainland visitors included C. G. Taylor, J. Turner, D. H. Smith, L. A. Trezise (accompanied by his wife), and Mrs. V. C. Stafford (Vic.-Tas. Women's

President), who was guest speaker at the Women's Conference held on the Sunday afternoon.

Socially the Conference was once again a marked success. Fellowship with members from other churches, and especially from our Victorian churches, is essential to Tasmanian development and growth, both physically and spiritually, and was enjoyed by all.

Conference meals were catered for by the ladies of Collins-st. on the Saturday, while on Monday the Conference Picnic was held at New Norfolk, some of our guests making the journey under perfect conditions by river steamer. During the afternoon some of the more enterprising members (including our mainland visitors) made the trip to Pulpit Rock overlooking the Derwent, where they were treated to one of those views for which Tasmania is justly famous.

E. K. Morrison, of Invermay, has been appointed Tas. District Conference President for the coming year, while Mrs. Gladys Moore was elected President of the Women's Conference.

Tasmanian Women in Conference

The Annual Conference of Tasmanian Christian Women's Fellowships was held in the Collins-st. (Hobart) chapel on Sunday afternoon, March 3. Mrs. C. J. Robinson presided, and some 60 ladies, representing all but two of the Tasmanian Fellowships, were present.

Among greetings received were several from New Zealand friends, met by Mrs. Robinson during her recent holiday there, and included Mrs. Hanham, who attended Federal Conference last October.

Members of the various C.W.F. groups assisted in the meeting, and Mrs. Hughes (Invermay) and Mrs. Jacobson (Kelleyville) — mother and daughter — rendered an appreciated duet.

Guest speaker was the President of Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. (Mrs. Stafford), who spoke first in appreciation of the assistance given Vic.-Tas. projects by the women of Tasmania, and then gave an inspirational address on Matt. 5: 16.

The Secretary's Annual Report showed a successful year of service, the highlight of which was the Federal Conference in Hobart, while the Treasurer's Report revealed record amounts raised both for the funds supported by the women and for

funds for other purposes, a grand total of £1,117.

A presentation of flowers was made by Mrs. M. Wilson to Mrs. Robinson on her completion of a three-year term as President. Mrs. Wilson referred to the way in which Mrs. Robinson had widened our understanding of the fellowship to be found among women of our churches throughout the world.

The Conference Committee now moves to Hobart for the ensuing three years and the Election of Officers included: Mrs. L. C. Moore, President; Mrs. R. Lillye, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. D. Hartam, Minute Secretary; Mrs. L. Boxhall, Treasurer.—P. Harrison, Minute Secretary.

OPEN FORUM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A. E. White's suggestions for conducting church elections (in "Questioning," March 3, 1963) could be studied with profit by all church members, especially those concerned with the actual conduct of and arrangements made for such elections.

However, the idea of a minimum percentage necessary to secure election (see suggestion No. 6) can cause

an unexpected difficulty. Gardiner church (Vic.) for many years required that each elected candidate receive at least 50 per cent of the votes cast. That sounded workable, but at an election some 15 years ago, when there were about twice as many candidates for deacon as there were vacancies to be filled, the votes were so spread among the candidates that not one candidate received the required 50 per cent. Since that time the church has used the democratic method of proportional representation in the election of deacons. (This is the method now used in the election of Departments of the Conference of Victorian and Tasmanian churches.) — L. E. Stevens, Gardiner, Vic.

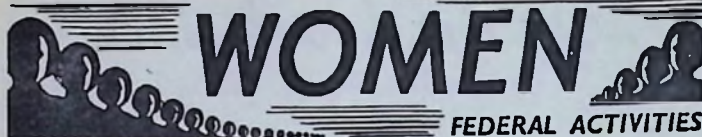
CONFERENCES EFFECTIVE?

Having attended Church Conferences for over fifty years I read, with interest, your editorial of March 12, and would like to make three comments thereon.

Firstly, we should remember that the Conferences referred to by D. A. Ewers were called for the express purpose of furthering the preaching and teaching work of the Church. The enjoyable social intercourse naturally followed because of the brethren's oneness in Christ.

Secondly, the "delightful informality" of garden parties and pioneer afternoons does not compensate for the brevity of our rushed business (cont. ft. col. 1, p. 182)

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



WOMEN

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News NEW SOUTH WALES.

There were 80 ladies present at the March meeting held in the City Temple; 26 churches represented. We also had three visitors from Wagga, and one from Taree. Number of apologies received from ladies involved in World Day of Prayer meetings in the suburbs.

Mrs. Dickson was in the chair in the absence of the President, Mrs. Bell, who was still not well enough to attend. Opportunity was taken to say farewell to Mrs. Sack, and to wish her God's blessing as she goes to Broken Hill.

As we are approaching Conference, Mrs. Lacombe urged all ladies who are growing flowers for decoration to do everything possible to produce flowers with long stems, and to bring any indoor plants available. Mrs. Milne spoke re catering arrangements, and urged all ladies who have promised to assist to be sure to keep their appointments to ensure smooth working for the preparation of the meals.

Mrs. Maxwell was special speaker for the day, as the focus was on the Boys' Home, and gave a very in-

sessions. The 1962 programme of one State Conference allowed 45 minutes for the "Home Mission report and financial statement. Future programme and budget." When the leader of this Department had introduced these matters, one can imagine how much time was left for members to ask questions and discuss the important business involved! It would be specious to say that the time allowed for unfinished business meets this problem.

Thirdly, if we wish to have the intelligent support, prayers and financial backing of members it is essential that adequate time be given to the consideration of business. Maybe the Christians at Ephesus were not the only ones needing to be reminded that the body is built up by that which every joint supplieth. No one would suggest that the body is all mouth, and that every member must speak from the floor of Conference; but when our planners realise that all able members — not only Departmental leaders and Conference officers — should have reasonable opportunity, then we may re-educate ourselves in the art of consultation, and so end this day of the limited view-point.—Adelaide C. Green, Torrens-ville, S.A.

teresting and informative talk on this work, the joys, the problems and the numerous answers to prayer all along the way, especially in the project of the Young Men's Hostel, which will be opened on April 27.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Trevor Long, both representing aspects of the Boys' Home work, and drawing our thoughts around the text, "Let your light so shine."

After thanking the ladies, Mrs. Dickson closed the meeting with hymn and benediction.—J. Torode, Asst. Sec.

VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

At the Council Meeting held in the Reception Room, Brotherhood Centre, Friday, March 1, 1963, at 11 a.m., the call to worship was led by the President, who introduced Mrs. G. Moyes, wife of minister of Ascot Vale-Newmarket, as leader of devotions, on Pressing On Toward Spiritual Maturity.

Welcome extended to all; 138 present. Special mention made of new delegates, Mrs. Sampson (Pahran), Mrs. Clare (Box Hill), and of visitors Mrs. Easton (The Patch), Mrs. Haskell (wife of incoming President of Conference) and Mrs. Thomas (Maldstone). Mrs. Combridge, on sick leave from the New Hebrides, brought greetings from the women of that place.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Pell (Sec., Inter-Church Council of Victoria) gave a very comprehensive talk on the aims and work of the Council. Twenty-six apologies were received. No business arose from minutes or correspondence. Ratification was given to the suggestion that £100 be given to Aborigines Missions in connection with building project at Mooropna (Kindergarten); £10 of this amount to be forwarded to Mrs. Wittick for Good Companions' Club. Mrs. Dickson reported on the recent Missionary Camp held at Monbulk.

Obituary prayer was offered by Mrs. Fordham, remembering those bereaved and others ill. Those who received the Home call included Miss Ferguson (Essendon), Miss J. Judd (Cheltenham) and the son of Mrs. Knight. Those ill: Mrs. W. W. Saunders, Mrs. Manning (Supt. Hospitals Committee), and Mrs. Pittman (Hamp-ton). Prayers are solicited for Shantabal during these weeks as she prepares for examinations for her Licentiate of Theology (in English). A reminder came from the Publicity Convener, Mrs. Randall, re Confer-

ence Day, April 3. Treasurer's statement followed.

Superintendents' Reports. Missionary — Mrs. Strack re camp at Hall's Gap. Nominations and Hospitality — Mrs. Sterling drew attention to nomination sheets displayed for inspection; also requested hospitality for guests coming for Conference. Evening Fellowship — Mrs. Dorgan invited all to attend March effort.

President, Mrs. Stafford, to represent C.W.F. at farewell to Lady Brooks, arranged by National Council of Women.

Mrs. Ames thanked President on our behalf for leadership during year, and prayed God's blessing on her as she presides at Conference; also asked that greetings be extended to Tasmanian sisters during her visit to that State. The meeting closed with the benediction.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

208, including 160 delegates, met at Grote-st. chapel on March 7. The President, Mrs. Fax, opened the meeting with prayer, and then welcomed visitors, including Mrs. Smith (New Hebrides). Mrs. Pillar presented the Obituary report, and Mrs. A. R. Jones voiced the prayer. Two sisters have received the Home call.

As this meeting took the form of the Overseas Rally, Mrs. D. Lewis (leader, Overseas Committee) presided over remainder of meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. R. McLean and other members of the Committee. Two delightful solos rendered by Mrs. Cunningham. A tape-recorded greeting was heard from Shantabal, President of Indian Conference, Miss Skuce, Mrs. Coventry and Miss Vawser. Their voices were particularly clear and one could almost imagine they were present. Mrs. Smith then brought a most interesting and informative talk on her work in New Hebrides. Overseas offering amounted to £316/-.

Mrs. Fax thanked the speaker, and the Committee for an enjoyable programme, and closed with benediction.

QUEENSLAND.

Mrs. Finger led the devotions at the March 5 meeting, making mention of the fellowship that she had experienced with the sisters during her term of office as President. She challenged the sisters to continue in prayer, and never to skip or shorten the Devotional Session in their Fellowship meetings.

Mrs. Acland, on behalf of the sisters, thanked Mrs. Finger for her leadership, and the thoughts she had brought to us from time to time. Mrs. Payne seconded this, adding how much she had enjoyed seeing the floral token arranged on the table each meeting.

A welcome was extended to all, and especially to Mrs. Stevenson (Boondall) and Mrs. Henderson (Ann-st.).

attending for the first time. Apologies were received from 8 sisters.

Business. The matter re Aborigines Mission support money was tabled until the Executive had had a meeting to discuss same.

Mrs. McLane reported on the morning tea held at the Canberra, in honor of Mrs. W. Lantz, visiting from U.S.A.

Correspondence read and received.

Financial statement showing balance of £55/3/11, plus £3/4/-, so far received for luncheon, Women's Day, was presented by Mrs. Smith.

Women's Day, Conference, March 28. The catering was discussed. Mrs. Smith is convener, with assistance from Mes. Burdeu, McLean, Hibbard and New. Sisters from Northside to assist in the morning, and Southside in the afternoon.

Golden Jubilee Programme was discussed. Every effort was being made to have older members present. Highlights were to be presented from the old minutes featuring 10-year periods. Arrangements are being made to have ready a Report Book, with special afternoon programme, more or less as a Souvenir Golden Jubilee Programme.

The Secretary advised that a greeting telegram had been sent to Woolwich Bible College on the occasion of its 21st celebrations.

The evening programme for Women's Day of Conference was being handled by Mrs. Horne, Young Women's Fellowship. It was titled, *Sharing the Cross*. Mention was made that following Superintendents were needed for the ensuing 12 months—Dept. Hospital Visitation, Social Services, Home Missions. Mrs. Acland then closed the meeting in prayer.—R. Haigh, Sec.

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D. Holmes has accepted the invitation of Hurstville church, N.S.W., to continue his ministry there for a further three years.

About 40 Australians engaged full-time in youth work attended a national consultation on Christian youth work in Melbourne, March 25-30. The delegates came from all Australian States to share their experiences and plan for the future. Questions they sought to answer included: "What does it mean to be a Christian in our society?" "What is the role of Christian youth work in Australia today?" In preparation for the consultation, each denomination has provided extensive information on the kinds of organisations it provides for youth over 13 years of age, of membership, programmes, leadership training, outreach to unchurched youth and major problems.—A.C.C.

G. Smith, minister at Subiaco, W.A., has agreed to extend his present term of ministry there to an unspecified period.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Could you make suggestions for starting a church library?

If you are to have a church library you should make something of it. Too often, such libraries are initiated and maintained through donations of old Sunday School prizes (which may be precious in origin but without any future), and books of old sermons on the Restoration Movement (of interest only to students).

This is not written to despise the gift book, but to insist that the church library is not the place to dump unwanted books. It is very much the place for living books—some very old and some very new. Members should be encouraged to give books that will interest, inform, inspire and, above all, books that will be read.

If the library is to be effective it will almost certainly be necessary to place it on the church budget. A few pounds invested wisely each year will soon build a very useful library. Many books are costly, but it is better to pay for something worthwhile than to build cases for books which nobody wants.

Other ways that have been used to finance libraries have been: A sixpence or a shilling collected weekly from twenty or so volunteers; members encouraged to buy significant books for themselves, and then to donate them to the church library; church families have invited friends to make a church library donation instead of sending flowers at funerals; each auxiliary has been requested to purchase one book every year for the library.

Once you establish a library, appoint folk who will care for it efficiently. There should also be regular promotion of the use of the books by drawing attention to their availability and by giving every encouragement to readers, young and old.

As an ideal, the church should seek to set aside a small room, attractively appointed, for the books and for the use of the librarians. If this is not practicable, a suitable bookcase with lockable glass doors will do.

Books help us to grow, and every church should have a library.

Next Week: A list of books for the library.

(Send Questions to the Editor).

With the approach of Annual Conference in all States save S.A., church members are called to prayer that these gatherings may mark forward moves and more effective witness.

Musings

A Conference President's Week.

SUN., MARCH 17. — Visiting East Kew church this morning, I appreciated A. W. C. Candy's prayer for Conference and for the President. After the service, Fred. Elliott showed me, with justifiable pride, the well appointed church hall and kitchen. Tonight, I was back at Doncaster to hear Harold Steele remind us how much the honor of the name of Christ depends on us who bear it.

MON., MARCH 18. — Re-arranging some of the books on my shelves today, I thought of a tactful advertisement that appeared in a Sydney Gazette, dated Dec., 1804, requesting the return of various volumes, including books of poems by Burns and Milton, which had been "borrowed from the house of Mr. Andrew Thompson at the Green Hills, Hawkesbury," and "from forgetfulness" had not been returned. As Bill Beatty puts it, the advertisement "earnestly requested that residents who had any of the books in their possession should 'kindly return the interlopers' to their owner." Strange how many such "interlopers" take up residence in ministers' libraries!

TUES., MARCH 19. — Together with W. T. Atkin, our Social Service Secretary, I was at the Melbourne Town Hall at 5 this afternoon for the official launching of the Victorian section of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. The five speakers spoke of a "cause" and a "crusade," rather than an "appeal," urging the speedy raising of £300,000, Victoria's share in Australia's target of one million pounds — as it was said, a small enough aim for a land as richly endowed as ours.

WED., MARCH 20. — This has been one of those days with weather too good for pastoral work — except for the sick, people were out when I called, so I came back to the many jobs waiting to be done in the study.

THURS., MARCH 21. — I followed up a day of writing with an hour or two in the office on A.C. work before going on to the H.M. Dept. meeting. I got back to Doncaster in time to take in some of the interesting slides and talk on a visit to Russia being presented at our Men's Fellowship meeting — then home to finish off the local weekly and do some more writing before bed.

FRI., MARCH 22. — Having finished the A.C. during the day I joined tonight in Brighton's well deserved tribute to Norm. Arnott, recently retired as its beloved youth leader.

SAT., MARCH 23. — The end of the week reminds me of the native translator's rendition of "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing" — "Lord, kick us out softly!"

HERE AND THERE

Ministers attending the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference session on April 2 are requested to bring their lunch, so enabling them to join in the fellowship and programme during the lunch period, which commences at 12.45 p.m.

During the Christ Meets The Need Crusade conducted by G. S. Brown (Footscray) with the Essendon (Vic.) church, March 3-17, a teenage lad decided for Christ, and was baptised on the final night. H. Hince (Thornbury) was song-leader, and appreciated musical help was given by a number of soloists and singing groups. Gifts of appreciation were given to both missionaries at the close of the Crusade, and the church is grateful to the church at Footscray for releasing its minister for this special effort. Mr. and Mrs. Brown also shared in C.M.S. and C.W.F. meetings during the Crusade.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian White have been welcomed to the church at Norlane, Vic., where Mr. White has begun the first full-time ministry in the church's history. This follows a period of progress in the past year under the leadership of D. Tattersall (elder) and K. Edwards (student minister). Other Geelong churches were represented at the welcome tendered Mr. and Mrs. White, and E. Baxter represented the H.M. Dept. The work is in good heart, and the interior of the chapel has been enhanced by the Ladies' Fellowship act in having the floor sanded and sealed.

The following telegram was received as we went to press, March 22: "Space Age Crusade, Ballarat, Vic., wonderful beginning; three adult decisions, 250 average attendance; Sunday 500. Atmosphere televised, three stations. Willis preaching powerfully. Brethren, pray for us.—Jackel."

Far-famed for its quality and power, the Melbourne Town Hall organ will be prominent in the Conference Sermon Session of the forthcoming Vic-Tas. Conference, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 7. Frank W. Inchley, guest-organist, will give a recital from 2.30 to 2.45 p.m. and it is hoped that thousands from the Vic-Tas. churches will enjoy this presentation. It would be helpful if all could be seated in the Town Hall by 2.30 o'clock. Valentine Wolf will lead community singing, from 2.45 to 3 p.m., which will be accompanied by the organ. Similar accompaniment will be provided for the choral items to be rendered by the Churches of Christ Choral Society. The foregoing, together with the induction of the Incoming

President, and the sermon by Glen S. Brown, should help to make the Conference Sermon Session an inspiring climax to Conference.

New State Organiser, W.A.

K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Com., who has been minister at Baluklava, S.A., during the last few years, accepted an invitation to come to Western Australia as State Organiser in 1963. A few weeks ago he was tendered a welcome in the Christian Centre, Perth, by a large and representative gathering.

The work has grown so rapidly in this State that it is quite beyond the capacity of voluntary workers to cope with it adequately, and we feel sure that the coming of Mr. Patterson will make all the difference. He will be a member of the State Executive by virtue of his position, but not Conference Secretary. His two main interests initially will be Home Missions and the Christian Centre. In the realm of Home Missions, of course, there is a great deal of scope at this particular time, with new and small churches in several areas. So far as the Christian Centre is concerned, he will be responsible for planning for the best use of the building in every respect, and associated with this will be a programme to help clear the remaining debt of £43,000.

He has settled in well already, and is rapidly acquiring a geographical and brotherhood background that will enable him to carry out his task in the best possible way. We feel quite sure that he will be blessed of God as he leads us in this growing part of our Australian Commonweal.—A. D. Pyne, Conf. Sec.

Central Northern Dist. Conference Echuca, Vic.

Churches represented at the Conference gatherings on March 2 included Rochester, Bendigo, Spring Gully, Kangaroo Flat, Kyneton, Swan Hill, Echuca, Harcourt and Castlemaine.

Special speakers were Dr. G. Whiting (just returned from U.S.A.), Mrs. Newham, Sonny Graham (who spoke on the work of the Aborigine Department), and Bruce McIntosh (who

told about the Literature Department, in particular about the Pamphlet Club).

Barry Pryor (minister, Echuca) was chaperon on a very enjoyable bus tour conducted through historic Echuca.

Officers elected at this Conference are: President, B. Pryor; Vice-Presidents, D. Beanland and G. Henderson; Secretary, Miss L. Triplett; Treasurer, E. Duus.

It was decided to discontinue the "Friendly Word" broadcast over Station 3BO, due to lack of funds. Our new project is to establish a camp site at Eppalock.

Approximately 140 attended this Conference, and all enjoyed the hospitality of the members of Echuca church, and fellowship with sister churches.

Next Conference is planned for Swan Hill in August, and we look forward to another day of rich blessing and fellowship.—Laureen Triplett.

"C.E. Missionary Encounter"

Thirty-five Endeavorers and friends spent a profitable and challenging time at Camp Waterman, Monbulk, Vic., during the Labor Day weekend, March 8-11.

Organised by the Vic-Tas. C.E. Committee, the "Encounter" programme included studies on The Challenge of the World's Needs — The Call and Commission — The Preparation — What of Our Aborigines? — Women on the Mission Fields — The Service.

Missionary speakers included Ron McLean, Ted Heard, Reg Combridge, Mrs. E. W. Heard and Miss Doris Quayle. Two M.A.F. films were screened, *Mid Century Martyrs* and *Conquering Jungle Barriers*. An absorbing session was conducted by Bob Young and Des Oatridge (Wycliffe Bible Translators) on linguistics. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Heard were the leaders of this "Encounter," and their leadership was first class.

Endeavorers also visited the camp for the day, swelling the numbers to fifty. Visitors at the camp also included Miss Dorothy Howden (furlough, New Guinea), Barrie Richards, Doug. Nicholls, M.B.E., Stan Davey (Aborigines Advancement League) and Aborigines Committee members.

Books for sale, literature, photos and mats completed the overall missionary outlook, which included the work on our New Guinea, New Hebrides, Aborigine and Indian fields.

The young people from the eleven churches represented left the "Encounter" with a deeper insight, a wider vision and a stronger challenge to face the needs of the Mission fields today.—Les. Stewart, Sec.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

N. King, Blackburn, Vic.
Mrs. Hawkins, Robyn Copley, Rockdale, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. Schwenke, Miss D. Knowles, Gloria Smith, Subiaco, W.A.
Dennis Kay, Peter Kilgour, Ormond, Vic.
Ron White, Cheltenham, Vic.
Lynette and Beverley Fitzgerald, North Williamstown, Vic.
Edna Craig, Tamworth, N.S.W.
Lynette Heard, Ray Wilson, Mitcham, Vic.
A. Joseph, South Perth, W.A.
Gary Gray, Essendon, Vic.
Mrs. I. Simpson, R. Wagenknecht, Gympie, Qld.

Membership

Miss Atkinson, Paddington to Rockdale, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Bride, from Merredin; Miss G. Pecker, from Busselton to Subiaco, W.A.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, Lane Cove to Enmore, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Burwood to Earlwood, N.S.W.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Price, Euroa Baptist to Ringwood, Vic.
Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw, to Hurstville, N.S.W.
Gwynne family, Wynnum to Townsville, Qld.
Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Merredin, W.A. to Murray Bridge, S.A.
Mrs. Rolfe, from Queenstown, Mrs. Rocco, from Naracoorte, to Beulah-rd., S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Newnham, Miss Pettigrove, Mrs. Methven, to The Patch, Vic.

Marriage

Coral Duffin to Norman Thomas, Box Hill, Vic.
Pamela McConnell to Raymond Blackley, Swan Hill, Vic.
Beryl Harper to Howard Long, Murray Bridge, S.A.

Margaret Matthews to Collin Pinkerton, Chelsea, Vic.
Beverley Thomas, Mitcham, to Keith Hicken, Montrose, Vic.
Valda Lucas to Jeffrey Cheal, Essendon, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Miss Johena MacKenzie, Footscray, Vic.
Mrs. A. D. Magilton, Tootgarook, Vic.
T. Bannon, Box Hill, Vic.
Mrs. Lugg, Drumcondra, Vic.
Mr. Pearce, Beulah-rd., S.A.

QUEENSLAND

Townsville (R. N. Gilmore). — Av. Feb. communicants, 45. First T.V. programme under sponsorship of C.T.A. conducted by minister, when film, *Village of the Poor*, was screened and received favorable comment. District C.E. rally held in hall, with good attendance; C.E. group gave play reading. C.W.F. held hostess afternoon, with 30 present. B.S. teachers canvassed area for new scholars. C. E. Brumby new B.S. supt. Christian Education class meets at same time as B.S., to meet needs of older teenagers. Operation Build-up continues, with weekly offering showing good increase. Working bees planned for Youth Camp at Magnetic Island in preparation for Easter Family Camp. Full year's programme co-ordinated to ensure balance of interest and to avoid overlapping. Family welcomed by transfer. Minister elected pres., North Qld. District C.E., also appointed as chaplain to one of the University College Hostels.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Morawa (K. Turner). — Fishermen's club commenced to interest others in gospel. Youth work holding interest of non-members. Numbers at Bible study keeping up and interest keen. New electronic organ purchased. After-church fellowship, Feb. 24, farewelled Frank Thygesen, who left to work down South. Mrs. Evans and boys farewelled prior to leaving district. J. Dayman in hospital.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — World Day of Prayer held in chapel, led by Mrs. G. Smith, all churches attending. Annual meeting held, with large attendance. Miss Thea Lake was

accepted as "living link" for Mission fields of New Hebrides. Commitment is £300 annually for three years. Prof. Bowman (Marriage Guidance) lectured to 75 Y.P. in church hall. Miss Helen Vincent leads a junior choir. Kinder. dept. held successful picnic at Zoo, 200 attending. C. Blakemore and N. Althorpe in charge of Explorers' club. Barbecue at City Beach opened year's activities. Mr. and Mrs. G. McLish have been appointed joint superintendents of primary dept.

Kalamunda (D. Croot). — Services well attended during past month, averaging 45 a.m. and 20 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible study commenced on Feb. 27. B.S. now back to full strength and Teens group has averaged 9 each Sunday. World Day of Prayer held in chapel, Mar. 1, was well attended, with visitors from surrounding churches. Mrs. Price led meeting and Mrs. Ewers (Women's Conf. Pres.) spoke. Afternoon tea was served by ladies and friendly fellowship was enjoyed.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Hurstville (D. W. Holmes). — Following elected to the Official Board at annual meeting: elders, A. Saunders, W. Walton, W. French (sec.); deacons, N. Clarke, W. Hooper, R. Souness, W. Williams, G. Stewart, C. Cordy, R. Edwards (treas.). Welcome extended to Roger Brown (1st year Woolwich student), to assist church during year. Two welcomed into fellowship, Mar. 3. Good attendances being maintained; av. of 110 breaking bread. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Bolin in loss of mother.

Tamworth (F. D. Craig). — K. Crawford (H.M. Director) visited church, Feb. 16-17, and brought news of brotherhood work. Girls' club now led by Ruth Harling. Bible Class (for teens) now meets at manse Friday evenings. J.C.E. featured in gospel service, 24th. One girl made confession of faith. Allan and Angus Mackie speakers at services, Mar. 3, whilst minister visited Inverell. Intermediate clubs held church parade at gospel service. Ern Morris spoke to C.M.S., 4th. C.W.F. business meeting held 6th. Mr. Hannah led C.Y.F. group to Inverell, 9th. Y.P. held barbecue and participated in Sunday services. C.W.F. held missionary evening, 11th, when sewing done for N.G. Mission was displayed. Mrs. R. Woods guest speaker and soloist. Several items presented by children. Church extends sympathy to Goodall family in bereavement. Sis. D. King and M.

Hilton, and Mr. Thrift, have been in hospital.

Taree (V. T. Parker). — Church continues to enjoy best attendances in its history. Congregation was encouraged by four recent baptisms and one further decision. B.S. work progresses; Mrs. M. Solomon appointed treas. at last business meeting of school. Pre-Easter messages on Sunday evenings helpful, with supporting good attendances.

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle). — At last three successive Sunday evening services a young man has come forward to reconsecrate his life to Christ, making three for month. C.M.S. held combined meeting with Methodist, C. of E. and Baptist Churches, with good attendance. Speaker, C. McKenzie, gave powerful talk on witnessing for Christ in business world.

Albury - Lavington - Wodonga (D. Oldfield - P. Kavanagh). — Minister back in pulpit after period of illness. H. Palmer (Gideon's) addressed Lavington a.m. assembly. Capt. Sproule, officers and members of Boys' Brigade took part in Albury's annual floral festival, March, giving fine Christian witness. Life Boys from the three centres uniting periodically for combined activities.

Earlwood (F. Elliott - R. Craig). — Hebridean College students, Samuel and Japheth, were present, Mar. 17. Samuel gave the exhortation. Two welcomed by transfer. Pleasant afternoon was spent with D. Engling, who showed colored slides of views and work in New Hebrides, and played tape-recordings of Hebridean Choir. Fellowship tea enjoyed, followed by gospel service at which Mr. Eagling preached and Mrs. Bing (Baptist), Japheth and Samuel gave messages in song. It was a day to remember.

Inverell. — Tamworth members have continued to assist at local services, while church awaits arrival of new minister. D. Craig (Tamworth), Y.P. and Hannah family have also assisted in morning and evening services. Barbecue was held on the 9th at Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackie's dairy, Gum Flat-rd., when approx. 70 attended. Tamworth Y.P. rendered music and singing at barbecue and during Sunday evening services.

Chatswood (R. Greenhalgh - S. Thomas). — At annual church business session deacons elected were: A. Fax, C. Hensby, P. Jackson, Y. M. Middleton, R. O. Pentelow, B. Perkins, F. Stephenson, P. Vercio, L. Wilson, K. Wrigley. C.W.E.F. had largest attendance on 11th, and their project for the night resulted in good donation toward proposed Turramurra church. G.L.B. held church parade on 17th. Family dinner held on 20th. B.S. picnic at Balmoral, 23rd.

Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie). — Official appointments from the 1963 church meeting are: elders, S. Creek, G. Maxwell; deacons, D. Giles, K. Sawdy, M. Allen, L. Brown; deaconesses, Mrs. Shuttle, Misses L. Feetham and E. Oldfield; B.S. supt., S. Creek. Wollongong C.W.F. took C.W.F. meeting, Mar. 12. About 25 ladies travelled down. Lunch was served at the manse after the meeting. Mar. 17 was 1st anniversary of Y.W.L. A man made his decision at conclusion of evening service.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Balaklava (K. Edwards). — Harvest Festival services well attended, produce being sent to Girls' Hostel, Adelaide and local hospital. Ladies from Moonta, Kadina, Long Plains and Owen met at Balaklava to hear Mrs. Smith speak of work in New Hebrides. B.S. picnic at Wallaroo was great success. Explorer club cricket team successful in final match.

Grote-st., Adelaide (A. E. Brown - interim). — Attendances at services continue to please. Harvest Festival services well attended, with excellent display of goods. Mar. 10 services were enriched with visit of Victorian Choral Society Choir, combined with church choir under baton of W. Watson, to produce fine singing, with V. Woff as soloist. C.Y.F. resumed on 8th after recess, with good attendance and increased numbers. C.W.F. held monthly meeting, 19th; programme took form of Betty King cake demonstration. Mr. Bruggeman and Mrs. Ilman are progressing after hospital treatment. All auxiliaries continue to flourish.

Maylands (D. G. Hammer). — C.E. project realised and finalised at Devonshire tea held at Mr. and Mrs. N. Marsh's home. Harvest Festival services well attended; Rest Home, Norseman Mission and Morialta Children's Home will benefit from collections. Dawn Noble has transferred from Norseman Mission and three baptisms of Y.P. have taken place. Two elders have been appointed. A. J. Ingham and H. W. Jones. Church conducting service once a month at Moonta.

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — C.W.F. had good meeting, Mar. 14, at which guest speaker was Miss Fisher (Red Cross Blood Bank). Working bee gathered on Saturday morning to dismantle iron building used by kinder dept., in preparation for new youth hall. Tender of N. and J. Bright has been accepted and work is expected to proceed almost immediately. Old building was loaded on to trucks and transported to Longwood Youth Camp. Church's sympathy extended to D. Fenn and family in loss of his mother. Very good meeting and attendance, a.m. 17th,

with thanksgiving service for Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards and baby boy. Favorable comments were made on service. Attendance at gospel service showed slight improvement.

Berri (H. E. Greenwood). — I.C.E. commenced. At C.M.S. annual camp, Barmera, 70 men enjoyed fellowship and inspiration. Monthly film night featured screening of The Robe, to a packed building, many standing.

Beulah-rd. (R. Clymer). — Av. Feb. attendances, a.m. 107; p.m. 75. Year commenced with 109 scholars on B.S. roll, J.C.E. 22, and I.C.E. 16 members. J.C.E. visited Colebrook Home and I.C.E. a shut-in member. Harvest Thanksgiving, Feb. 24, when many useful gifts of food were presented to Christian Rest Home. Prior to evening service, family fellowship tea held, when C. Watson spoke on Family Counselling. Mrs. Loughhead and Mrs. Saunders have taken up residence at Christian Rest Homes. C.W.F. annual meeting held and election of officers.

Murray Bridge (H. Cave). — Good representation at Southern District Conference, at which Murray Bridge choir sang. Seated at square table arrangement, 61 enjoyed mother and daughter dinner, when local blind lady, Mrs. Trotter, told how she can get great pleasure from travelling through other people's word-pictures. This was first meeting of C.W.E.F. Exterior of hall painted by men of church. Brotherhood social work and Homes were given bounty of Harvest Thanksgiving display. 125 broke bread for day. Two welcomed by transfer. C.Y.F. screened film, Time and Eternity, at well attended open night.

Naracoorte (E. O. Stevens). — Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith (New Hebrides) visited church, Feb. 19. Mrs. Smith spoke, and Mr. Smith showed slides of work on Pentecost to interested gathering. Half-yearly business meeting held 22nd. Reports were submitted and general business discussed. State Pres., Women's Conference, Mrs. Fax, accompanied by Mrs. Watson, attended meeting of C.W.F. at Naracoorte, 26th. Mrs. Watson conducted devotional, and Mrs. Fax gave comprehensive report on work of Women's Conference. Afternoon tea, at which minister was present, concluded happy afternoon. On 28th, S.E. Women's Conference held picnic at swimming lake at Naracoorte. Mrs. Fax and Mrs. Watson were present, also visitors from S.E. Churches of Christ; devotional leader, Deaconess Berghoeff. C.Y.F. conducted hike and barbecue on evening of Mar. 1. Number of Y.P. joined in hike and then did justice to barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoskin. Harvest Thanksgiving services held on 3rd. Perishable goods delivered to local hospital, and tinned and packet foods sent to Rest Home, Adelaide.

Prospect (A. J. Griffiths). — Sympathy and prayers of church have been with Mr. Griffiths and Dawn in sudden illness of Mrs. Griffiths. Great progress has been made, and she is now in Mount Barker Rest Home. Prayers continue for her complete recovery. Tenders have been called for proposed alterations to chapel, and it is hoped for early start.

VICTORIA

Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry). — Camp held at Point Lonsdale, Mar. 8-10, and excellent fellowship enjoyed by the 52 present. Speakers on 10th were K. Masterton and E. Sherman. On 12th, C.W.A.F. had speaker from R.B.M.U. On 17th, C.W.E.F. visited Mt. Royal Hospital. All C.E. groups celebrated their anniversary on 17th, with tea in afternoon, and they capably conducted gospel service under leadership of G. Wigney. C.M.S. have helped at Emmaus with services during March.

Cheltenham (R. C. Bolduan). — B. J. Combridge has occupied pulpit during absence of minister on holidays. Attendance at B.S. has reached 335. Nine ladies attended C.W.F. missionary camp at Monbulk. 26 ladies went by bus to Rye for annual "snowball" picnic. C.W.F. visited Oakleigh Guest Home. V. C. Stafford gave illustrated talk on his trip to Belfast. B.S. scholar received into membership on 17th.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks). — Church represented at H.M. quarterly prayer meeting at Geelong. Mr. Foley (Brethren) has been giving helpful Bible studies, at weekly prayer meetings. Guest speaker at monthly C.M.S. tea was E. J. Miles (Oakleigh), who afterwards preached at gospel service. Attractive display of produce at Harvest Festival on 10th, when M. Murray (Ballarat) spoke at both services. Goods were later sent to Protestant Orphanage. Church picnic, held at Queenscliff, 11th, was happy day of fellowship. W. W. Saunders brought challenging message to church on 17th. C.W.E.F. enjoyed fellowship at C.W.F. camp at Hall's Gap, 15th-17th. Church rejoices in continued improvement of minister, after surgery, and was pleased to welcome him in congregation on 17th. Combined meeting of ladies from Belmont, Geelong, Norlane and Drumcondra was held at Drumcondra, 19th. Mrs. V. Morrison (Melb.) was guest speaker and gave moving description of *The Passion Play* at Oberammergau. Guest soloists were Mrs. Willing and Mrs. Ethel Pearce (both of Melb.).

Ringwood (J. E. Brooke). — W. F. Nankivell took p.m. service on Mar. 3, during absence of minister at The Patch anniversary. Principal E. L. Williams (C.O.B.) spoke a.m.,

10th, as first of number of visiting speakers in a series of messages on *The Bonds of Brotherhood*. Also surprise visit of C. G. Taylor, B.A. (Vic-Tas. Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Taylor at same service. B.S. picnic at Mordillo, on 2nd, very successful, with encouraging support from church members. Former members, Mr. and Mrs. Les. Price, welcomed back from country, also Mr. and Mrs. Ken Barnes from Hong Kong, and Neil Nankivell from Canberra. Thanks due to relieving organists during latter's absence. New residents, Mr. and Mrs. Birznicks (Maldstone), now meeting with church.

Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland). — Two decisions during Mar. P. R. Baker p.m. speaker, 3rd. Church well represented at North Central Conference at Echuca, on 2nd. C.W.F. has held annual meeting and reported very successful year, all office-bearers re-elected. Harvest Thanksgiving services held on 17th, with good attendances and fine display of produce.

Malvern. — Evangelistic campaign conducted by F. E. Buckingham, in preparation for coming of A. B. Clark, is resulting in increased attendances at services and midweek prayer meetings. C.M.S. had interesting meeting when F. Illingworth, snr., gave illustrated lecture on overseas trip. Many ladies accepted invitation to be present and were entertained to tea by the men. A. O. S. Baker soloist at evening service, Mar. 10. Mrs. Black improved in health, but many other ladies are ill.

Prahran (T. H. Ede). — Prior to wedding of Miss J. Potts and minister, church presented a chiming clock. During their absence, F. E. Buckingham and H. B. Robbins conducted services. Attendances in B.S. and church are still on increase. Large delegation attended combined prayer meeting at Gardenvale. *Gems of Joy* (Sydney) conducted gospel service Feb. 17, with large congregation in attendance.

Redcliffs (S. K. Bannon). — Harvest Thanksgiving, Mar. 3, with lovely array of goods, which were later forwarded to Christian Guest Homes. Sympathy of church extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bannon in sudden passing of Mr. Bannon, snr. Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith (New Hebrides) were guest speakers a.m., Mar. 10. They spoke at B.S. prior to service. W. Neville (Mildura), spoke at night. Roberta Chislett has begun nursing at Mildura Base Hospital. Faye Chislett is now assistant organist.

Warrnambool (F. W. Bradley). — Two welcomed after baptism, two others by transfer. Prayer meetings in homes well attended. Garden party at home of Mrs. Bradley raised £94. Minister was speaker at S.W. District Conference at Colac. Good reports received at church annual meeting; 16 confessions for year. Working bees

continuing on youth hall. Mrs. J. Irvine appointed B.S. supt. Picnic held in Botanical Gardens, Feb. 25, well attended. Mrs. Larcombe soloist at gospel meetings. Minister assists in radio sessions over 3YB and continues to conduct services at Mental Hospital. J. Bradley appointed A.C. reporter.

Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel). — Despite very bad weather, B.S. held successful and enjoyable picnic at Youth Centre. Reid-Feary mission successful in preparing church for Faith for Space Age Crusade. Many blessings received through visitation. Reports from various committees working in preparation encouraging.

Burwood (H. J. Patterson, M.A.). — Attendances maintained throughout Feb.; averages: a.m. 76; p.m. 33; B.S. attendance on Mar. 3, 218. In absence of minister in Sydney, pulpit has been filled by E. Patterson, H. Smith, V. Longthorp, E. L. Williams. B.S. scholars attended gospel service, Mar. 10, for senior school prize distribution. Appropriate words spoken by president, Feb. 24, on commencement of minister's 2nd year. C.M.S. tea held same day. Programme designed to assist and instruct platform helpers. Y.P. held successful variety night, Mar. 1. They also organised after-church singalongs in homes of members and at chapel. Mr. McKay and "seeing eye" dog, Saki, were guests at ladies' first meeting of year. Several Y.P. appointed to teaching staff of B.S. 19 classes now in senior school. Cricket clubs (senior and junior) completed season with wins. 18 members now contributing to C.F.A.

Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — First box opening for 1903 Missionary Appeal realised £165. Youth club reorganised and recommenced on Feb. 23, with 18 present. Four church members, V. Andrew, N. Corrie, L. Monaghan and T. Roberts attending M.B.I. 138 present at gospel meeting, when an Asian student was baptised into Christ. Minister lecturing at M.A.F. College, Ballarat, and M.B.I. Dr. Harrison (missionary, Vietnam) preached at gospel service, Mar. 10. Church extends sympathy to relatives of late Mrs. Magilton.

Carnegie (R. Hillbrich). — Services well attended: a.m. 114; p.m. 65. B.S. picnic at Carrum, Mar. 2, was enjoyable day. B.S. annual meeting reports showed good work in all depts. throughout year. Officers elected were C. Meadows, supt.; B. Ferguson, asst.-supt.; primary dept., Mrs. D. Dowling; kinder dept., Miss R. Strother; sec.-treas., G. Galbraith. Presentation made to Ian Ferguson and Judy Wright prior to marriage. Ian has served as organist, conductor and B.S. teacher for some years. Explorer clubs increasing in numbers and members are being joined up

with B.S. Keith and Ken Hawkins and other helpers doing good work in this dept. Appreciation to those who transport ladies from Emmaus each Lord's Day. Ian Smith in hospital after injury received in cricket match.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — Av. attendances for Feb.: B.S. 105; a.m. 67; p.m. 56. Offerings for local needs £32. Church roll stands at 93. In an afternoon at home, Mrs. Cuddy raised £3 for cricket club, which has now finished for season. C.E. assisted in p.m. service, Feb. 24. Men's and boys' tea, Mar. 3, was well attended. Mr. Lowry (C.O.B.) has commenced work with C.Y.F., who assisted with p.m. service, Mar. 10, and had after-church fellowship and supper in hall with C.Y.F. from Frankston. At C.W.E.F. annual meeting, Mrs. L. Smith re-elected pres. Farewell given to Margaret Matthews on eve of her wedding and departure from church. She will be missed in capacity of primary teacher. Senior Explorers at camp on Cathedral Mountain during long weekend, with leader L. Smith. Used clothing has been collected by C.W.F. for Social Service Dept.

Frankston (R. H. Patterson). — Attendances have been excellent. During evening services, C. Bolwell, J. Arthur and Ian Watt, all members of C.Y.F., have assisted, and Mrs. J. McKenzie has assisted in song. One confession Feb. 17. Splendid meetings, Mar. 3; seating taught to capacity both services. A. Avery evening speaker; one rededication. Fellowship with Reed family, formerly of Ivanhoe. C.M.S. visited Chelsea for formation of C.M.S. there. Annual business meeting, Feb. 20. Reports from sec. and auxiliaries showed affairs of church in healthy state. Board of Officers is: elders, J. W. Bolwell, J. A. Scarebrook; deacons, F. Adams, J. Bentley, C. Bolwell, K. Cook, A. McDonald, R. Watt, K. Wells; treas., R. Watt; sec., J. W. Bolwell. Members attended H.M. prayer rally at Noble Park. Happy time spent at B.S. and church picnic at Belgrave Heights, Mar. 2. Annual business dinner of C.Y.F., Mar. 1.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — C.W.F. held annual meeting 12th. Officers elected: Mrs. C. Thomas, pres.; Mrs. Brown, sec.; Mrs. R. Taylor, asst.-sec.; Mrs. L. Smith, treas. Church congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Sando on ruby wedding. After p.m. service on 17th, farewell given in hall to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cuddy and family. They will be sadly missed; Mr. Cuddy as captain of cricket team, and Mrs. Cuddy as kinder. supt., Good Companions' leader, C.W.E.F. vice-pres. and former act.-sec., C.W.F. March effort of C.W.E.F. at Fitzroy was attended by members, who modelled aprons made and donated by C.W.E.F.

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — Four adult decisions and baptisms. Harvest Festival again caused great admiration. Church busy preparing for aerospace campaign, with D. Willis, with view to opening new cause in Thomson area. Ken Drayton in Austin Hospital, having undergone surgery. Group of young men from Marcus Oldham Agricultural College attended morning worship. Attendances maintain splendid average. Minister has entered 5th year of ministry. C.W.F. has decided to hold Woman to Woman evangelistic campaign, with Mrs. Amos as evangelist.

Mitcham (E. W. Heard). — Members attended H.M. prayer rally and Glen Waverley mission. Gift evening for Beverley Thomas and Keith Hickin was combined with Montrose church, when large number of gifts were received. In absence of minister attending C.E. Camp at Monbulk, on 10th, services taken by local members. Many visitors welcomed, including some from other States. Two B.S. girls baptised 17th, and lady and daughter made good confession. C.M.S. tea held, with 25 present. Good Companions now have attendance of 45.

Morwell - Newborough - Traralgon (L. G. Armstrong). Afternoon service for Women's World Day of Prayer was held in chapel, with Mrs. Armstrong presiding. Harvest Thanksgiving service, Mar. 3, gifts being sent to hospital and Aged Peoples' Home. At gospel service film, For Every Child, was screened to well attended meeting, followed by after-church friendship hour. Morwell B.S. picnic held on 16th, with Newborough and Traralgon groups joining to make day happy and successful event.

BIRTHS

CUNNINGHAM (Lee-Archer). — Judith and Bill happily announce the arrival of Andrew William, at "Cab-rini", Malvern, Vic., on Feb. 25. A brother for David.

JONES (Watson). — On Mar. 18, to Peggy and Don, a daughter — Elisabeth Helen. 20 Masons-rd., Blackburn, Vic.

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CONNING. — In loving memory of our mother, Jessie, who passed away on Mar. 27, 1962, but remains in the hearts of her family.

JENNER. — In loving memory of our beloved parents, who were called Home — mother, Dec. 27, 1932, also father, Mar. 29, 1950. "And glory dwellth in Immanuel's land." — Inserted by Grace and Stan Jenner, Glenhuntly, Vic.

READ. — In loving memory of Walter James, beloved husband and father, who passed away Mar. 24, 1960. "Fondly remembered." — A tribute from his wife, Martha, and family.

IN MEMORIAM

PHILLIPS, Harriet. — Treasured memories of our dear mother, who passed way Mar. 27, 1947.

— Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Elsie and Wal Dale, Cremorne, N.S.W.

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniluc and Mr. and Mrs. John Turner and family wish to thank all for good wishes, love and prayers for us and for Mark and John.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

EYRE - MERBIS. — The marriage of Thelma Katherine, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Eyre, Brisbane-st., Berwick, Vic., with Marinus Cornelis, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Merbis, Beverwyk, Holland, will be celebrated at the Berwick Church of Christ on Saturday, April 6, 1963, at 2 p.m.

MANALLACK - SMART. — The marriage of Wendy Joyce, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manallack, 53 Boronia-rd., Boronia, Vic., to Alex, youngest son of Mr. S. D. Smart and the late Mrs. M. Smart, 76 Cornwall-rd., Sunshine, Vic., will be solemnised at the Church of Christ, Boronia, on Sat., April 6, 1963, at 2 p.m.

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Address and discussion on "Mere Independency." Speaker: Alan F. Cant, B.Ed., of Mildura.

OPENING BUSINESS SESSION, 7.45 p.m. Reception of Kangaroo Flat. Devotions and Focus. Conference Executive Report. Advisory Dept. Notice of Motion.

Tues., April 2 — MINISTERS' SESSION (Brotherhood Centre), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE OLD BOYS' TEA, 5.30 p.m.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS, 7.15 p.m. Reports of C.M.S., Dept. of Christian Education, College of the Bible. Devotions and Focus. Notice of Motion to Amend Constitution, Clause 10.

Wed., April 3 — WOMEN'S 77th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, St. Kilda Town Hall, 10.30 a.m. 2 & 7.30 p.m. Devotions. Business. Address: Principal John Morley, M.A., Dip.Ed.

Thurs., April 4, 7.15 p.m. — CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

Reports of C.W.F., Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism. Notice of Motion, "Drink and Gambling." Devotions and Focuses.

Fri., April 5, 7.15 p.m. — CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

Notice of Motion, "Capital Punishment." Reports of Advisory and Overseas Mission Depts. and Coordinating Committee. Devotions and Focus. Declaration of Poll.

Sat., April 6 — PRESIDENT'S GARDEN PARTY, College of the Bible, 2.45 p.m. Brief programme. Enriching Fellowship. Afternoon Tea.

BROTHERHOOD RALLY, Collins-st. Baptist Church, 7.30 p.m. Churches of Christ Choral Society. Audio-visual devotional. Dramatic Presentation. Address: Dr. G. A. Whiting, of Hartwell.

Sun., April 7, 2.30 p.m. — CONFERENCE SERMON SESSION — MELBOURNE TOWN HALL. Preacher: Glen S. Brown, of Footscray. Organ Recital. Churches of Christ Choral Society. Induction of New President. Service of Song.

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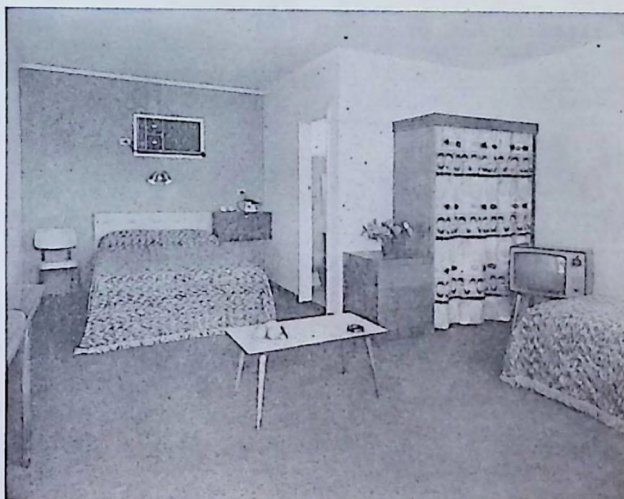
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Frances Maude Alberts.

Our sister, born into an Aboriginal family on the Condah Mission Station in August, 1889, passed away at the Hamilton (Vic.) Base Hospital on March 2. She was well-known and highly respected throughout the Western District. Baptised into Christ at the Portland chapel, she unceasingly influenced the scattered Aboriginal families around Condah, having until recently services every other month in her home. A large number paid their respects at the graveside service at the Old Condah Mission Cemetery. We thank God for the confidence we share in the face of "the last enemy to be destroyed," and the quality of life displayed that allows this assurance.—A. C. Male.

Mrs. A. D. Magilton.

The church and local community at Tootgarook, Vic., were saddened by the sudden passing of Mrs. Magilton, West Rosebud, on the morning of Mar. 8. Mrs. Magilton and her late husband took up residence in the district in 1949, after a period of very useful service in our churches, mainly at Carlton, Vic. They were anxious to further the interests of the church in the growing seaside municipality into which they had moved, and in 1951 became pioneer members of the since rapidly flourishing church at Tootgarook. A woman of exemplary character, quiet and unassuming, Mrs. Magilton was given to hospitality and unfailing in kindness, thus endearing herself to all with whom she came into contact. As a deaconess and assistant organist at the church since its inception, she was the essence of faithfulness. Although her earthly

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pilgrimage has come to its close,
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eral services were conducted in the
Tootgarook chapel by student min-
ister, G. Lawrie, and M. D. Keatch
(Red Hill), and at Coburg Cemetery
by S. R. Baker, R. Duckett and G.
Lawrie. Sympathy is extended to the
five daughters in the loss of their
mother.

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"Abraham"

At the half-yearly business meeting
of the S.A. Choral Association in
1962, a suggestion came from the
Conductor, Will Watson, that the
Association ask permission of Valen-
tine Woff, Conductor of the Mel-
bourne Churches of Christ Choral
Society, to perform his cantata,
Abraham. It was suggested that the
Conference Executive might like to
sponsor this programme, and that
any proceeds would assist the Broth-
erhood Centre. This the Executive
agreed to do.

From that time events moved rapidly.
The request for permission to
perform the Cantata brought an
indication that members of the Vic-
torian Society would be interested in
making the trip to Adelaide to help
with the performance. Naturally, this
gracious gesture was welcomed by
our Association, and the invitation
given. This resulted in 47 singers
plus interested folk making the jour-
ney to Adelaide. The time chosen
coincided with the Victorian Labor
Day holiday weekend, and the gener-
osity of our friends in giving up this
weekend, at their own expense, in
order to make the trip, is very
gratefully acknowledged.

On behalf of the Executive, I. J.
Chivell undertook the organisation,
and Will Watson prepared the musi-
cal programme in collaboration with
Valentine Woff.

On Saturday, March 9, the Ade-
laide Town Hall was the scene for
the presentation of a sacred pro-
gramme, culminating in the perform-
ance of the very beautiful cantata,
Abraham. The leadership of the
choir of approximately 100 singers
was shared by Valentine Woff, and
his son McAllister Woff, of Mel-
bourne, and Will Watson, of Ade-
laide. David Hele at the organ, and
Athol Anderson at the piano, pro-
vided the musical support. The solo-
ists, Lorna Fletcher, Beryl Hayley,
Leslie Dutton, Eula Woff, Valentine
Woff, McAllister Woff, Milton Lewis,
with the elocutionist, Irene Webster,
and reader, C. H. J. Wright, set the
standard for a thrilling performance.

Those who were able to attend
were very appreciative of the worth-
whileness of the venture. The S.A.
Choral Association hopes it may be
but the forerunner of other such
ventures.—Dulcie B. Wood, S.A. Sec.

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