

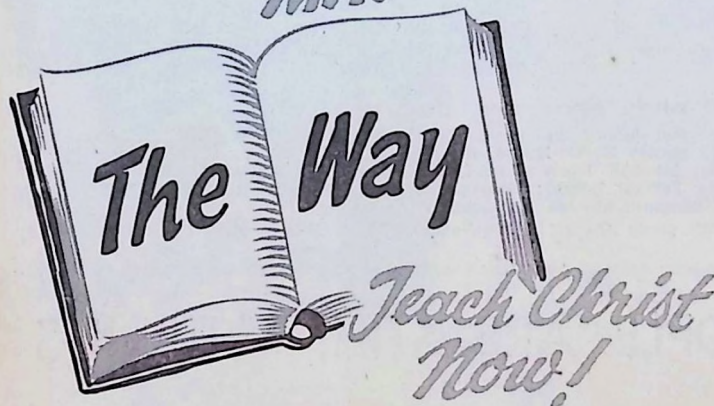
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in its

**ANNUAL OFFERING for Youth and Christian  
Education — SUNDAY, MAY 5**

(Queensland - May 26).

## FOR EVERY PERSON

The over-arching purpose of Christian education is clearly stated in the New Testament. Whether in preaching or teaching, the early Church saw its task as preaching and teaching Jesus Christ (Acts 5: 42). This was to the end that persons might meet him, respond to him in faith and love, know his presence in their lives and bear witness to him in the world. "Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ. For this I toil, striving with all the energy which he mightily inspires in me" (Col. 1: 28).

This declaration of purpose Paul repeats in other terms to the Christians at Ephesus: "His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4: 11-13).

Christian education is centred in the gospel of Christ, and in persons reached by that gospel. It is the task of the Church, the whole Church. The Church must teach. It will find many ways of doing that. If Christians "strive with all the energy which Christ mightily inspires" in every person fully committed to him, they will devise programmes, methods, materials, equipment, facilities and the rest, for doing that.

Christian education means the nurturing of all persons in the knowledge of Christ. So programmes and methods need to provide for this to be done among children from nursery age to juniors, from juniors to teenagers. There must be vigorous and vital efforts to win and train young people for Christ and Christian living. Provision must be made for young adults to "attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God." Learning is for life, so there is also need for plans for the Christian education of persons of middle years and of the increasingly important years of old age.

Departments of Christian education in the various States are the appointed servants of the brotherhood

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#### AT THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION, ADELAIDE, JANUARY, 1963.

**Top row:** Japheth Karai (shown here) and Samuel Bull represented Christian youth of New Hebrides; some Convention personalities (from left to right): K. D. Horne (Director, S.A. Dept.), V. C. Stafford (Director, Federal Board of Christian Education); Mrs. W. Lantz (U.S.A.); R. Greenhalgh (Director, N.S.W. Dept.); H. F. Gross, Miss M. Deane (Assoc. Editors, Federal Board); Manikidza Nyoni (Southern Rhodesia); Walter Lantz (U.S.A.); on right, Stephen Harris (Aborigines Mission, Norseman, W.A.).

**Middle Row:** W. Lantz counselling with group leaders; David Hodges, who led Bible studies; one of the 23 study groups in action.

**Bottom row:** A happy meal time occasion; Adelaide youth choir at evening rally. —Photos by David G. Whyatt.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE STILL WITH US

"... To be young means  
To be all on edge, to be held  
waiting in

A packed lounge for a Personal  
Call

From Long Distance, for the low  
voice

That defines one's future."

So W. H. Auden, the English poet, describes what it is like to be young. God has his specific intention for every human life. Out of the anonymity of the crowd he calls each

individual by name, and if they have ears to hear he reveals to each one the part he or she is meant to play in God's great scheme of things.

### Frontiersmen of the Faith

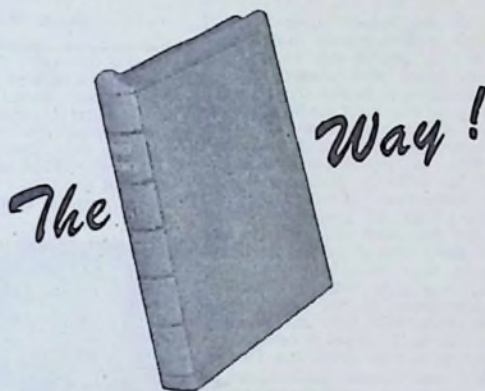
In its programme of Christian education the Church seeks to make persons sensitive to what God is saying to them. When that word has been heard the Church can, through its corporate life and experience, guide and support its young people. The

recent consultation on youth work, organised by the Australian Christian Youth Council (attended by three representatives of Churches of Christ), urged strongly that our youth should be better equipped to make their impact for Christ among their contemporaries out where they work, study and play. The Church has, perhaps, over-coddled them — too many clubs, too many fellowships — where they

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# That they may know



The Federal Board of Christian Education produces on behalf of the State Departments fifteen church school publications quarterly. They are used in 387 schools in Australia and New Zealand, the Department of Christian Education in the Dominion having a liaison with the Federal Board.

These curriculum materials provide teacher resources and pupil activity for grades from kindergarten through to young people up to 18-year-olds.

In this major publication enterprise, States co-operate in curriculum construction, promotion of Austral Graded Lessons and provision of training services for their use. Lesson review committees exist in each State. The Austral Printing & Publishing Co., on the printing side and in despatch of materials, continues to give service to the brotherhood. In three grades the Federal Board co-operates with the Australian Baptist Board of Christian Education and Publication to issue joint productions.

It is hoped to enlarge the range of publications as soon as possible, thus providing for essential resources in nursery and adult departments.





# — ON GROWING OLD —

Ira A. Paternoster.

This is one subject upon which I can write with complete understanding. Having passed the three score and ten years, and almost reached the four score, I really should know something about it. Like the Apostle Paul, I am about ready to up and move out, having a feeling that the "time of my departure is at hand." I wish I could say with Paul's confidence, "I have fought a good fight," for as I look back over life I am reminded of many a fight I have lost. But I have this blest assurance, that "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses from all sin," and that "if we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin!" What a great comfort this is as one faces the future!

I have been much encouraged by the tone of Paul's letter to Philemon, written at a time when he could speak of himself as "being such an one as Paul the aged." How gentle his plea for the slave, Onesimus, and the desire that whatever is owing be charged to his account! How lovely when one can grow old graciously; for growing old is something we cannot postpone to another day. It is a shock to our pride when we first become aware that in the eyes of others we at least appear to be grow-

ing old. I always prided myself on my energy until, at the age of about sixty, I entered a tram and a young fellow got up and offered me his seat with the words, "Sit down here, Pop." That was my first awakening to the fact, "I must be growing old!" Then at seventy, when visiting



the New Hebrides, to be introduced by Abel Barney as a "very old man" made me smile at the time, but I do not feel so badly about it now, for I am daily reminded of the fact.

What a vast difference it makes when one has found the secret of growing old in the handing over of each day to the Lord Jesus and living in the constant enjoyment of his abiding Presence. As one looks around and finds those men and women who have no hope in life, how thankful one is for faith in a loving Heavenly Father.

One morning recently I was listening to a Roman Catholic priest on the air, and he told of his visits to an Aged Persons' Home. He approached one woman who had suffered a stroke, and as soon as she saw he was a priest, she took out on him all the abuse in her heart against God for allowing her to suffer so. He went to the next bed in which was a much older woman, suffering from cancer, and as he spoke with her her face lit up with a radiant smile as she testified to the faith she had found in contemplating the suffering that Christ endured on the Cross for her. It is right here that the secret of growing old is found. I am firmly convinced we do not in vigor think enough of what the Saviour suffered for us as individuals. Redemption is a personal matter, and if we want a contented mind in old age we lay the foundation for it in our younger days by the surrender of self entirely to Christ. The danger is that we think because we go to church, or even take an active part in church activities, that is all that is required, when really our personal relationship to Christ is the vital thing. The Greeks came saying, "We would see Jesus." This is the need of so many professing Christians today. So many have been baptised or confirmed who have never seen Jesus. This, undoubtedly, is why so few are showing any real zeal and enthusiasm in their Christian life. All the organisation and committee work we may do never can compensate for the failure to understand the meaning of the Cross in the life of the individual.

Growing old graciously is something we should all strive to do. No matter what sickness or disappointment we have in life, let us be thankful to God for the grace to endure, remembering the answer Paul received to his prayer for healing, "My grace is sufficient for thee." It is an everlasting truth, as stated by Paul in Romans 8: 28, "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose."

## FOR EVERY PERSON (cont. from front page).

to promote in all churches the task of Christian teaching. Most have now adopted a title which is more descriptive of their functions, related as they are to the total life of congregations and persons.

Christian education is not a "creche for minding children" while the real work of the Church goes on elsewhere and in other ways. Departments seek to expand and deepen their service to the churches, to persons, to homes, to children, young people, adults.

The varied activities of Departments — training teachers, club leaders, promoting the work of church schools, efficiency campaigns, camping, developing youth work, promoting adult education, recreation and many others — can only be maintained and extended as churches provide Departments with the means of support.

Our giving needs to be geared to Department needs and budgets. This should apply to churches that budget for brotherhood Departments, or where churches still retain the annual offering. The money given in these ways is for the support of State Departments.

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are never called on to stand by their colors, making a distinctive witness.

## One in the Struggle for the Gospel

They need help if they are to do this, and for the most part Christian young people will accept help from those whom they know and recognise as friends. The National Youth Convention established how readily they listened to and thought about the "hard sayings" of the Christian faith, which nevertheless grapple with the realities of human experience. In the fellowship of the Convention they discovered a company of those of their own generation who, with them, face the problems and challenges of the second half of the Twentieth Century.

Let us encourage them to test out new solutions to the old problems we have failed to solve. Let them preach the faith in the idiom of the sputnik age. Help them to cast down the barriers that keep Christians apart. They have great tasks ahead of them. We can share their victory as we carry out the task of Christian education among them.—H. F. Gross, B.A.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.

The Town Planner for S.A. issued his report recently, and those concerned with church movements are faced with tremendous responsibility. It is estimated that the population of Adelaide will stretch on a front of 50 miles from Gawler to Sellicks Beach by 1991, and that one and a third millions of people will be resident. Areas which today have a population of around 6,000 will be well over 100,000. Naturally, this presents problems. One of the major concerns to front the churches is the price of land. For years now the S.A. Housing Trust has treated the churches with considerable graciousness, working on the basis that when they open up an area the houses can only become homes if the Church is there. Accordingly, land has been cheap and churches have thrived. But in this coming development the Trust cannot be expected to accept all responsibility. This leads to a situation we have already faced. Seeking land in a new area we find that 4 blocks will cost £5,000. A new church is almost out of the question. Do we only go where land is cheap? Are the only souls to save those within an area where the Housing Trust works? These are real questions which Departments have to face if they are to undertake a virile programme of expansion.

## PT. PIRIE OPENS.

For many years the church at Pt. Pirie labored on in a setting which became increasingly difficult. Then they took the plunge, found an Oil Company and sold their property, and bought from another Oil Company! For over a year they held services in local Y.M.C.A. in the mornings, and evening services by the kindly graces of the Lutheran church. Plans were drawn up and the church prepared to move into the housing development in the City.

Recently they opened one of the finest sets of equipment which we have in the State. There is a lovely chapel, youth hall, kinder and primary halls, minister's office and foyer, kitchen and patio on the sunny side of the building. A great crowd of people attended as Mrs. Harrison declared the buildings opened, and invited all to come in. Conference President, S. R. Beck, gave the occasional address. The minister, Kelvin Parry, tells that already the school has shown much increase and attendance at service has also grown. Within a month the programme of the church has stepped up to a high tempo.

## MORE BUILDINGS . . .

Ascot Park church is in process of building its educational unit. For

E. P. C. Hollard.

several years, members have faced a dire situation, with children meeting in nearby homes. Now they are moving ahead with their plan. R. H. Sercombe is minister, and will remain for a further term.

Brooklyn Park suddenly found the Housing Trust erecting a great flats building alongside them, adding about 400 people to their neighborhood. Even so, youth activities were sadly cramped. Now they are ready to open a magnificent educational unit, one of the largest we have. J. W. Lewis is still giving virile leadership.

Keith church now announces the opening of its chapel, right on the Highway to Melbourne. Reg Brand has been leading the work in a hall. Now they will be well placed.

Mt. Compass had made additions to their building and will have class rooms and kitchen. Ron Saunders is leading this church, with Goolwa, in a fine work. Goolwa has its plans out, and is waiting for the builder to commence. A new lease of life for this old church, as young families have developed and the area grows.

Mt. Gambier is reaching the completion of its manse. Right on the Jubilee Highway alongside the chapel, it will be a welcome addition to the programme. R. V. Holmes is ministering, with Tarpeena in circuit.

Prospect is adding a new facade to its chapel.

Rest Home movements see a new Christian Rest Home at Glandore, to open in early May. The Premier, Sir Thomas Playford, will perform the opening ceremony. The property will house over 90 guests when completed, and is valued at well over £100,000. The church at Forestville will be taking an interest in the Home.

Girls' Hostel at Medindie has more applicants than it can handle, so a new building is to be erected alongside the present one, to house a further 20 or more girls. This will not call for further brotherhood support, as the Social Service Department is able to handle the finance. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Searle have moved in to look after the Hostel.

Bordertown, Clevely Park and Whyalla churches are all preparing for building moves and will be reported on later.

## . . . AND LAND.

The rapid development indicated earlier is not being overlooked, and already land is being held at Tea Tree Gully, north of Windsor Gardens; at Elizabeth, land is sought for a second church in that rapidly

growing City; and now with the development at Whyalla, the time will come for a second church, so land is being purchased.

At Christies Beach, where a church is meeting in a home, 5 blocks of land have been secured on the main road into this promising area. The Town Planner has this district down for 150,000 by 1991!

## ON T.V.

The Christian Television Association is presenting a series, "Focus 63," highlighting the work of the churches. On April 28, the story of Churches of Christ in S.A. will be presented in a half-hour programme. It will include the story of the Campbells, and move down to the very last piece of work we are engaged in. We hope to purchase the film afterwards as a publicity piece.

## CONSOLIDATION MINISTRY.

Still pursuing the policy of placing baby churches on a firm footing as soon as possible after the opening of their buildings, the Home Mission Department is placing the Organiser, E. P. C. Hollard, into the ministry at Windsor Gardens on a consolidation basis, as happened in several other places. At the beginning of next year a full-time ministry will commence.

The new buildings at Windsor Gardens will be opened on May 18, with the usual honors. The members have been meeting in the Follett home for over a year, and are ready for action. The area is wide open for youth work, and members are there to be brought into the church.

## BROKEN HILL.

Many have wondered about the future of this work. That future is now being sounded out by Reg Sack and his wife, who have just moved in. It is felt that these two good folks will be worthy servants in this special kind of ministry. The church, though small, is ready to work. The manse has been painted and made attractive. Our President, S. R. Beck, inducted Mr. Sack recently.

## THE PRESIDENT.

Syd Beck is making a real contribution to the life and witness of our churches. He visits wherever possible, and already many of the churches have shared fellowship with the Becks, and learned to love them. When he attained to office, Mr. Beck indicated that he and his wife had relations in 23 churches — this number has since grown to 28! Which only goes to show that those great families back in the years are still sharing the pulse and blood stream of the brotherhood.



## New South Wales Churches of Christ Conference Theme . . .

# THE CHANGELESS CHRIST

Our 78th Annual Conference under this theme proved to be one of the best attended and most inspiring Conferences of recent years. There was a noticeable spirit of co-operation and expectancy, as each Committee reported progress during 1963 and revealed plans for greater activity in the future.

### NEW FEATURES

#### Conference of Youth

Under the guidance of our Department of Christian Education, our young people held a Conference of Youth on the opening Saturday. The purpose of this Conference is to prepare young people for brotherhood responsibilities. As a first step they have appointed two Committees, which will serve in co-operation with the Department of Christian Education and the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

As an observer at this meeting I was impressed with the enthusiasm and desire to serve shown by the young people involved.

#### President's Tea

This was held on Tuesday following Conference, and preceded the Induction of our new President, C. A. Saxby, B.E., B.Sc., and the formal constitution of all Committees for the new year. In his address, Mr. Saxby stressed the vital need for churches to co-operate in the wider work of the Church, and reminded all that the President was amongst us "as a servant of all the churches."

#### RALLIES

These were a time of inspiration and challenge. The speakers were A. Webb, B.A., R. Wilson, B.A., D. Eagling (missionary to the New Hebrides), R. Greenhalgh, K. Crawford, A. W. Stephenson, M.A., C. A. Saxby, B.E., B.Sc.

In the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism Rally, we visited each Home Mission field, and the local minister told us of the challenge and possibilities of his area. Slides were also shown, and these gave evidence of a growing brotherhood.

At the Service of Witness, Principal A. W. Stephenson reminded us that "faith is the victory that overcometh the world," and challenged us to move forward in faith as the only sure way of victory over the forces of evil.

R. Elbourne (Georgetown) led the devotionals during the business sessions of Conference on the theme, **The Changeless Christ.**

#### REPORTS

On the whole, these revealed progress and made thrilling reading.

#### Highlights of 1962 included:

1. Additions by faith and baptism — 427.
2. Purchase of Youth Hostel at Marrickville.
3. Appointment of Mr. and Mrs. T. Long as additional couple of Boys' Home staff.
4. Thirteen ministers welcomed to New South Wales.
5. Renovation of City Temple as Brotherhood Centre for Departmental offices and smaller meetings.
6. Opening of Liverpool West church.
7. Plans to ensure that The Australian Christian becomes the official national weekly of Churches of Christ, under the responsibility of Federal Conference. Appointment of A. E. White, B.A., as Editor.
8. Fifteen new missionaries sent out, and six ladies in Woolwich preparing for missionary service.
9. Improved paper, Missionary News, replaces Goadly Pearls.
10. C. Cole acting as Secretary of Property Trust.
11. Extension of College course, to cover four years of Bible study.
12. Negotiations with the University of New South Wales regarding possibility of Bachelor's Degree in Theology.
13. Purchase and development of Home for Aged People — Croydon.
14. Campbelltown/Liverpool West, Bowral, Belrose/Nth. Balgowlah, Penrith Hill, and Wyoming go full-time with Home Mission help.

#### Plans for 1963 and the Future

1. Establishing a Newcastle Youth Centre.
2. Amalgamation of North Auburn and Auburn.
3. Education in principles of Finance Co-ordination Committee and complete implementation by January, 1964.
4. Mr. and Mrs. S. Winch (Albury) to go forward to New Hebrides as missionaries to help in building programme.
5. Special C.M.S. projects for Boys' Home Hostel.
6. Erection and opening of College Library.
7. Appointment of additional full-time lecturing staff at College.
8. Establishment of Nth. Turramurra and Charlestown.

#### MOTIONS

Motions were passed at Conference regarding the following matters:

1. Appreciation of services by R. Greenhalgh and A. Baker.

2. Greetings to be sent to Churches of Christ in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roffey, missionaries on field in India, New Guinea, New Hebrides, Carnarvon, Norseman, Moorcopna, Fitzroy, Balladoran, and to I. A. Paternoster.

3. Sub-Committees to investigate the lack of funds for the establishing of new churches, and to bring recommendations to our 1964 Conference regarding the financing of capital costs of new causes.

4. Amendments to the Constitution of Churches of Christ in New South Wales.

5. Amendments to Churches of Christ in New South Wales Incorporation Act, 1947.

6. Agreeing to take over the Enmore Tabernacle as Brotherhood Property.

7. Council of Churches: "This Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales expressed its appreciation to the Council of Churches in New South Wales for its vigilance and constancy in combating social evils, and especially for its work in the recent Royal Commission on Off-Course Betting, and assures the Council of support in its work."

8. Off-Course Betting: "This Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales commends the Royal Commission on Off-Course Betting for its recommendation for increased penalties for illegal betting; but we urge the Government not to extend, and the State Liberal Party and the State Country Party to exercise their influence to restrict the extension of facilities, etc., for betting, either by the establishment of legal off-course totalisator betting shops, or by a system of licensed off-course bookmakers, but rather to use the powers they have to eliminate illegal betting."

9. Hotel Tea-Break: "In order to preserve the minimum of home life remaining to families necessary for a strong society, this Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales urges the Government not to abolish the 6.30 p.m. tea-break in hotels without reference to the people, as undertaken during the campaign for longer hotel hours in New South Wales."

10. Morals: "This Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales views with alarm the apparent effect on morals and behaviour of immodest shows and the like, and calls the leaders of the Government, community and Church to give a lead in focusing attention on the higher things of life and personality."

11. Smoking: "This Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales commends the publishers of the Reader's Digest and the National Geographic Magazine for their decision to eliminate all advertising materials referring to the sale of tobacco and cigarettes from their magazine; and urges other advertising media to follow this lead or at least exercise restraint in influencing youth in view of the considered medical opinion that smoking is a dangerous habit, with the possibility of lung cancer resulting."

#### GENERAL

It was good to have the following visitors to Conference:—

H. MacNeill Saunders (President, Council of Churches in New South Wales), Bishop R. C. Kerle (Church of England), Mr. Thomas (Methodist Conference), G. R. Johnson (President, Baptist Union), Commissioner F. Coutts (Territorial Commander for Eastern Australia, Salvation Army), B. Judd (Sec., N.S.W. Council of Churches), S. H. Wilson (Federal Sec., Churches of Christ in Australia), Mr. and Mrs. D. Eagling (missionaries, New Hebrides), Mr. and Mrs. S. Winch (missionaries-elect, New Hebrides), Miss G. Howden (missionary, New Guinea), G. Sonsie (missionary, New Guinea).

In closing we would like to express our appreciation to all who helped to make this Conference a time of real blessing, and especially to our retiring President, L. E. Wylie, for his leadership during 1962/63.

We move forward in faith, to make an effective witness in New South Wales and the world.—K. E. Crawford.

## More S.A. Notes

#### SINGING YEARS.

I guess it is hard to know how long Grote-st. church has had a choir, but it must be close to the century. Now, how is this for a record? Miss Minnie Leedham has been singing in the choir for 55 years, and Bill Palmer for 57 years! That's 112 years of song! And through many years a multitude have loved "Auntie Min's" gospel solos, and the booming bass of the giant, Bill Palmer. They are still singing, and still as bright as ever.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT CHANGES.

We announce, with regret, that owing to health reasons, H. G. Norris has resigned as incoming President of the Conference. To fill the emergency gap the Executive asked K. D. Horne, our virile Youth Director, to accept the position. To this he has graciously agreed, and his legion of friends will look forward to his coming term of office with great pleasure.

## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of April 24, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

**Australasian Church Statistics.** — According to the reports presented at Annual Conferences, the membership of Churches of Christ in Australasia is as follows: Victoria, 8822; South Australia, 5824; New South Wales, 4293; West Australia, 1516; Queensland, 1199; New Zealand, Middle District, 1034; N.Z., Southern District, 1569; New Hebrides, 1150. Total reported, 25,407. No figures were reported from Tasmania and the Northern District of N.Z., but at a conservative estimate there must be at least 1000 more associated in those Conferences.

**Boys and Crime.** — The Christian Evangelist, commenting on the criminal statistics of the United States, says that while fifty years ago there was one criminal to every 1647 of the population, there is now one to every 300. "One half of all crimes are committed by those under twenty-five years of age, and three-fourths of them by those under thirty, the great majority of them boys." Conditions in Australia are similar to those in America, and it is likely that, in a measure, the above quotation will apply in our country. . . . One of the proposals of the "Men and Religion Forward Movement" is that in every church there should be a committee of men to look after the welfare of the boys and youths associated with the congregation, and seek to direct their physical, moral, mental and spiritual development. . . . If we cannot do the work along old lines, we must adopt new methods. Our boys are the most valuable asset of the churches, and must be effectively cared for if our progress is to be maintained in the future. — D. A. Ewers.

**News in Brief.** — H. D. Smith has been invited to remain another year at Hindmarsh, S.A. . . . We are informed by W. H. Allen, of Swanston-st. church, in regard to the Men and Religion Movement, that one of our own brethren in America (R. A. Long, of Kansas City) is largely responsible for the presence of F. B. Smith and party in Australia, Mr. Long having offered to be one of the five business men to finance the trip. . . . The Mile End church, S.A., has decided to fall into line with several other churches in the State by adopting the Duplex envelope system. . . . The various States are now fixing their Foreign Mission aims for 1913-14. The following are decided so far: Tasmania, £70; Queensland, £250; New South Wales, £1150; Victoria, £1250; South Australia, £1350. . . . The church at Castlemaine, Vic., has farewelled Mr. and Mrs. W. Gale as they leave for N.S.W.

## QUESTING

A. E. White.

Do the secretary and the treasurer of the church have to be elders or deacons? In our church it has been the practice for these officials to be elected by the Board of Officers. Is this right, or should the church business meeting elect them?

Churches of Christ have always been a bit confused about the offices of elder and deacon. It was clear that the N.T. Church had elders and deacons, therefore we must have elders and deacons. It is too bad that we have never been able to find out exactly what their duties were.

The absence of a specific list of duties for elders and deacons may be a good thing. It may permit us to appoint men and women to lead the church in accordance with the specific needs of each congregation. The elders will be concerned with the evangelical, teaching, administration, and pastoral leadership of the church, and the deacons will assist them.

Many will disagree, but I see elders and deacons as the same in kind, but different in degree. Elders are more mature, more experienced, more competent, and have more responsibility. Deacons are the stuff of which elders will be made.

The secretary and treasurer are very important leaders in the local church. They have great responsibilities, and while they may often deal with routine and mundane matters, they are also concerned with important spiritual aspects of administration and stewardship. For this reason they should be elders. Alexander Campbell is against me in this. For him a deacon would be a treasurer or steward. It is to be expected that he would regard the secretary in the same way.

The manner of election varies greatly from church to church. In some cases a certain number of elders and deacons (or just plain officers) are elected to join the Board; from this number a secretary and treasurer are appointed by the Board. This method has weaknesses, because one cannot be sure that among those elected there are men capable of being secretary and treasurer. Or if they are capable there is no certainty that they will be willing.

It makes more sense if the secretary and treasurer are nominated separately for those offices, and elected by the church at its business meeting. However, those who are defeated for these offices should be eligible for the election of the additional elders and deacons.



# HERE AND THERE

Special material in this issue was prepared by the Federal Board of Christian Education on behalf of State Departments of Christian Education, in whose interests the Annual Offering will be received on May 5 (Queensland, May 26). The Federal Board of Christian Education itself does not share in this offering.

C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.) first Council meeting after Conference will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, May 3, at 11 a.m. Leader of Devotions: Mrs. W. Newham; President: Mrs. M. C. Morrison. Come expectantly.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.

Owing to the Easter holidays, a telegram dated Apr. 11 finally reached us by hand on the 16th. Two days later, from the same sender, C. W. Jackel (Ballarat, Vic.), came another telegram. Both concerned the Willis-Feary mission at Ballarat and read as follows: "Willis preaching powerfully. Interest, attendances good. 25 decisions. Closing Apr. 21" and "Willis-Feary crusade; scores testify to spiritual uplift. 35 decisions. Great expectation closing nights."

Industrial Sunday will be observed in Victoria on May 5. On that day churches throughout the State will give God thanks for, and seek his blessing, on trade and industry. The Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, which has made arrangements for the day, seeks the prayers of all churches, that all sections of our industrial community may be given a new vision of their task in terms of community service rather than of profit and pay only; that Christians might learn to work out the implications of their faith in the light of the skills and techniques of modern life, and that men might remember to preserve the dignity of human relationships in this complex world of machines.—John Turner.

Percy Bolton, an elder of the church at Nelson, New Zealand, died on March 24 after a long illness. He followed his parents in membership at Nelson Church of Christ, being baptised by Dr. S. J. Mathieson in 1903. He entered the College of the Bible, Melbourne, for studies, but was forced by ill health to give up his plans for the full-time ministry, and returned to Nelson in 1918. Since that date, until recent months, he gave splendid service in ministering to churches in the Nelson district and beyond. For varying periods, he served both full-time and part-time with the Nelson, Spring Grove and Richmond churches. Vitrally interested

in missionary work, he was the last surviving member of the first committee appointed to give oversight to that work among our N.Z. churches.

Miss Brenda MacRae (9 Arkaringa-cresc., Black Rock, Vic.), who recently arrived from Scotland, is anxious to trace a gentleman (Seymore Brown) and his family, who came to Australia from Scotland last year. Originally from Newfoundland, Canada, Mr. Brown at one time lived in Veronica-cresc., Smeaton, Fife, Scotland, and conducted in the village of McDuff a Church of Christ Sunday School, which Miss MacRae attended. She and her family would be happy to renew contact with him.

Our New Zealand churches are being linked in a Dominion-wide Chain of Prayer Vigil, planned for Sat., June 1 (midnight to midnight), with each church having a part of that 24-hour period as its responsibility. This is being regarded as vital preparation for the Man to Man Mission (Sept.-Dec., 1963), with G. R. Stirling, of Canberra, and the 1964 New Life Crusade, with S. R. Heyward.

Some ten per cent of teenagers in Nairobi, Kenya, who leave school each year after completing the primary course, are being trained at the Christian Industrial Centre for jobs in industry. The Centre, sponsored by the Christian Council of Kenya, was opened in 1958 to help ease the bottleneck between primary and secondary education. It provides boys pre-apprenticeship training covering both the academic and technical fields, with an emphasis on teaching them to become responsible Christian citizens. Subjects taught include English, mathematics, hygiene, and in the workshops mechanics, carpentry, welding, and painting. Running expenses of the centre are met from donations, from the sale of articles made by the boys, and by the low school fees. Many boys are helped with their fees and no needy boy is refused. Last year there were 144 trainees at the centre, and this year the figure is expected to rise to 180.—E.P.S., Geneva.

At Brighton, Vic., members of the Christian Student Fellowship recently held a successful evening in honor of N. R. Arnott, who resigned after 15 years' dedicated leadership. Former ministers, W. S. Lowe and C. G. Taylor, joined the present minister, S. H. Wilson, in warm tributes to Mr. Arnott's work, and the presence of many former C.S.F. members showed their deep appreciation of his help. The young people presented Mr. Arnott

with an album of photographs recalling C.S.F. experiences.

The Church of South India and several Lutheran groups have moved one step closer to forming a United Church of South India as the result of the third in a series of meetings. Members of the joint Inter-Church Commission agreed to have one legislative body, to be called an assembly, council, or convention, which would govern the proposed United Church. They also approved a plan dividing the Church into four or more synods organised to represent the principal languages of South India. At a meeting last July, the Inter-Church Commission drafted a statement of faith for the proposed United Church, which is still being studied by all the denominations involved. Besides the Church of South India, which is itself the result of a union of Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, and Congregational bodies, the United Church would include five Lutheran groups. They are the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, Arcot Lutheran Church, South Andhra Lutheran Church, Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Indian Evangelical Lutheran Church.—E.P.S., Geneva.

R. W. Vautier has announced his intention to conclude his ministry with the church at North Balwyn, Vic., on May 31.

Preparations are being finalised for the Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order, to be held on the campus of McGill University, Canada, July 12-26. Dr. Keith Bowes (appointee to faculty, College of the Bible) will represent Australian Churches of Christ at this Conference, which will deal with both obstacles and opportunities for Christian unity. Total registration for the Conference is expected to be 500.

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## Pearl Anderson

From Pearl Anderson, in China, came word that at last she had received a letter from home. This letter advised her that money had been sent to her through the Bank of China. The head of the communal farm where Pearl is located gave her a day off to go into the city of Kunming, and she was able to collect.

Not only did she collect the money but she was allocated sufficient ration cards to purchase necessary food and clothing, and all this just prior to Christmas. She said her Christmas would be a happy one indeed, and thanked all who had shared in giving and praying for her.

A Trust Fund is held by the Overseas Board, but this fund will not stand much strain when further remittances are forwarded.—A. Anderson.





Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

### Translating the Scriptures

Are our missionaries interested in translating the Scriptures? They certainly are. In India, S. P. Hivale and John Bairagi both serve on the Committee that is revising the Marathi Bible. In New Guinea, Dr. John Stanhope has already translated several chapters of Mark's Gospel in the Giri language. In the New Hebrides, David Eagling and J. Edwards are attempting to reduce two languages to writing and to translate the Scriptures.

The following articles from S. P. Hivale and Dr. Stanhope give us some idea of the translation work being done in India and New Guinea.

### The Story of the Marathi Bible

S. P. Hivale.

While I was touring in Australia, someone asked me whether we have complete Marathi Bible in our language. Pondering on this question I decided to give a brief story of the Marathi Bible to our Australian brotherhood.

It is interesting to keep in mind that, when the Bible Society was established in England in 1804, at the same time translation of Marathi Bible in India was being started. This was being done near Calcutta in the town of Serampore. The population of this Marathi-speaking Maharashtra State is about forty million. The Marathi language stands fourth in importance among the fourteen principal languages of India. Like Bengali, Hindi, Gujarathi languages, Marathi also derived from the Sanskrit language.

During the British rule in India, Marathi language flourished very rapidly, because at this time they introduced the printing press. Early missionaries, such as Dr. William Carey, Father Stephens, Robert Drummond, Kennedy Molesworth, wrote Marathi grammar books and dictionaries, etc.

In 1813, American Marathi Mission started its printing press at Bombay, and within four months published the first Marathi pamphlet. It was an eight-page tract of Bible quotations. In 1817 they printed the Gospel of St. Matthew and Harmony of the Gospels. The first Marathi New Testament was produced in Serampore by Dr. William Carey. This first

translation was used as their model by the American missionaries, but soon they were convinced that the version was of no use in their translation work, so they translated from the Greek original and prepared the first Gospel in Maharashtra. It is noteworthy that the Bombay Auxiliary of the Bible Society was opened the same year as the work of the American Mission to print the Marathi New Testament.

During this time the translation of the Old Testament was going on slowly and steadily. From 1819 to 1824, they printed two editions of the book of Genesis. In 1853 they prepared the book of Exodus, and it was so popular among the Ben Israelites in India that they published the second edition of this book. A. Graves, a missionary of the American Marathi Mission, completed the press copy of the book of Exodus before he went on furlough. On his return he translated Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges and Ruth, which the American Mission printed and published. The Bible Society itself printed the first book of Samuel, translated by D.O. Allen. The later books, too, up to Kings, the Bible Society had printed. All these were translated by Allen Graves. The Bible Society accepted the translation of the Book of Psalms by Mr. Graves. In 1842 they accepted Graves' first Book of Chronicles. The rest of the Old Testament books, however, were prepared by J. B. Dickson, of the Church Missionary Society.

Thus the whole of the Bible was prepared and sent to the American Mission Press on March 1, 1847. When the first copy of the complete Bible came into the hands of Dr. D.O. Allen, his joy was indescribable. He exclaimed, "Today I have in my hand the first copy of the Bible in Marathi, the only complete copy in the world." But this copy was not uniform, and only a few had been printed. It was not until 1853 that the uniform edition of the Bible came out; after that the work was finished by Dr. S. B. Fairbank and A. Hazen, two of the American missionaries.

### The Language of Tung and Pir

Dr. J. Stanhope.

Two of our present four Mission stations in New Guinea are situated in the language group described here. When present projects are consolidated, there will be three out of six stations in direct contact with speak-

ers of this language. The challenge to break into this language with the gospel is thus a very real one to us.

**Name.** — The people are always most surprised the first time you ask them what the name of their language is. It is just taken for granted, and no ancestor apparently ever thought much about giving it a name. Even the 1,400 people have no tribal name, but think of themselves as isolated village communities. Five alternatives are offered for the name of the language.

1. **ANGGARI** means "shore-dwellers," and is the name given to this language by the Makarup people, who live in the hills to the East. This name is applied because our folk inhabit the bank of the Ramu River. But it is not exclusive, as the people of the sea coast are also Anggari, but their language is altogether separate.

2. **ROGGUT** means "inland," and is applied to our folk by the coastal villages because they live in the bush behind the coast. It is not applied to other inland peoples, however. It is a foreign word, not widely understood by the Tung-Pir people.

3. **GUKARE** means literally "It's me," and was applied as a name by an ingenious government official who gave names to several nameless languages by asking, "Who's there?" and taking the standard reply as the name.

4. **KIRE** is the name of the biggest central village mispronounced and misspelled by the government as GIRI.

5. **NGUN-KAM** means literally "speech of (this) place."

There are objections against every one of these. Anggari is not limited enough, and includes other language groups. Kire speech is not fully representative. Ngun-kam is nonspecific and clumsy. Roggut is specific, but is a word from another language. Gukare is whimsical, and has no tradition behind it. My own preference lies between Roggut and Gukare.

**Study at Present.** — R. Chamberlain and Miss D. Howden are working on the Southern dialect, and Dr. and Mrs. J. Stanhope (the latter a former S.I.L. student) are working on the Northern dialect.

After 14 months' work, Mrs. Stanhope and I have almost finalised our phonemic alphabet, and have prepared the first draft of Mark's Gospel — chapters 1-5, in the Northern dialect.

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A campaign, begun last autumn by the Norwegian Bible Society with the aim of getting every Norwegian home to have a new copy of the Scriptures, has already shown impressive results, the Society reports. Last year's sales of full Bibles, it said, totalled 42,186, an increase of 20 per cent. over 1961.





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Marrickville (M. Bedwell - K. Jenner). — G.L.B. meetings changed to Friday evenings to avoid interruption with school work. On completion of Teacher Training Course, John Lucas has gone to Condobolin, and David Wallis to Orange. Mr. and Mrs. B. Thorley, and son, have moved to Wagga, following appointment to Wagga Teachers' College. Young lady who was received into fellowship following her decision at Youth Camp, and obedience in baptism, has returned home to Lake Cargelligo. Presentation made to Dennis Nutt, who has entered Woolwich Bible College. Kevin Jenner (Woolwich) welcomed as assistant minister in charge of youth work, also Samuel (New Hebrides) who will be assisting at Marrickville this year. Attendance of 100 at Youtharama, at which speaker was H. Wyatt (O.A.C.). K. Jenner spoke at youth gospel service, Mar. 10. Samuel gave children's talk and solo. A young man living out of district made decision for Christ. Details presented of special events planned for 70th year, at after-church fellowship.

Albury - Wedonga - Lavington (D. Oldfield - P. Kavanagh). — Boys' Brigade held annual Easter Camp at Cheshunt. Another visit from G. Jones and Gems of Joy. Mrs. Eaborn welcomed back after tour of Great Britain. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie (U.S.A.) for another substantial gift towards local ministry. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Carr (Geelong, Vic.) and Pastor Waggit (Church of God, Texas).

Hamilton (W. D. Howard). — M. Wilks (W.E.C.) spoke of work of crusade at after-church fellowship, Mar. 31. D. Brown was soloist at baptismal service, Apr. 7, when two entered the waters of baptism and were afterwards received into membership. Large congregation attended special Easter choral service on 7th, theme being The Betrayal, Trial and Crucifixion of the Lord. Minister narrated the story, which was interspersed with solos, duets and choral items, under conductorship of N. Fraser. After long illness members rejoiced to welcome back H. Mensen. Many Y.P. journeyed to Bolton Point for annual Easter Camp. Visitors during the month included Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilks (S.A.).

Hornsby (R. Hilford). — A. Scott (sec., B. & F. B. S.) speaker at cottage prayer meeting, Apr. 10. Good Friday service, at 9 a.m., was well

Lorelle Wade to Robert Lee, North Essendon, Vic.

Lorraine Coulson to David King, Box Hill, Vic.

Janice Banks to Bruce Brown, Wembley, W.A.

Helen Carslake, Morawa, W.A., to Cliff Warmbrunn, Surrey Hills, Vic.

Margaret Rose to Karl Hilli; Marjorie Hulse to Alan Davidson, Wattle Park, Vic.

Judith Palmer to Brian Hosking, Ascot Park, S.A.

## Discipleship

Mrs. M. McLachlan, Hawthorn, S.A.  
Chas. Thomas, Jennifer Thomas,  
Mrs. J. Newsome, John Grieg,  
Gardiner, Vic.

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kirk, Barry Cole,  
Peter Frost, Albert Park, S.A.

Miss L. Butts, Miss Mandy Fraser,  
Hamilton, N.S.W.

Miss Pat Cook, Hawthorn, Vic.

Roslyn Middleton, Richard Fawcett,  
Sandra Miles, Judy Maudsley,  
Beverley Smith, Bronwyn Fisher,  
Russell Devenish, Brian Cheffers,  
East Malvern, Vic.

Lynette Docking, Keryl Brighton,  
Carolyn Phillips, Mrs. P. Hill,  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoffman, Brighton  
Gardens, S.A.

Niel Waters, Lynette Parkinson,  
Preston, Vic.

Judith Andrew, David Shaw, Mr.  
and Mrs. S. Squires, Morwell, Vic.

David Belg, Ascot Park, S.A.

## Membership

Mrs. F. W. Hunting, to Hawthorn,  
S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunning, from Semaphore; G. Broughton, from Maylands, to Albert Park, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon, from Coburg, Vic.; Mr. and Mrs. Cridel, Michael and Janet, from Mt. Gambier; Mrs. B. Beattie, Miss C. Beattie, from Bordertown; Miss J. Scott, from Glenelg; Miss C. Taverner, from Hampstead Gardens, to Brighton Gardens, S.A.

Mrs. Masarei, Miss C. Masarei, Scarborough to Wembley, W.A.

Miss N. Warner, Albany Baptist, W.A.; Mr. and Mrs. K. Norman, Surrey Hills, to Wattle Park, Vic.

## Marriage

Beverley Richards to Clive Richards; Patricia Davidson to Fred Barker; Etty Chipperfield to M. F. Berryman, Gardiner, Vic.

Wendy Manallack, Boronia, to Alex Smart, Footscray, Vic.

Estelle Taylor to James Jackson; Fay Burns to Peter O'Dwyer;

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. H. Gibbs, Surrey Hills, Vic.  
R. J. Bryce, Wattle Park, Vic.

## QUEENSLAND

Ann-st., Brisbane (L. G. Read). — Morning service on Good Friday well attended and very moving address was given by minister. C.Y.F. meeting on Apr. 9 was open to all members of church, so that all could enjoy illustrated lecture by T. Rees Thomas, M.A., minister of City Congregational Church, on Journey Through Asia. Mr. and Mrs. Lars Larsen celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage on 8th; good wishes went to them from the Board and church members. 17 Y.P. attended camp at Caloundra during Easter weekend. At gospel service on 7th one young man made the good confession, and at evening service, on 14th, another young man made his decision for Christ.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

North Perth (J. K. Robinson). — C.M.S. annual meeting held at which A. Summers was re-elected pres., J. Meldrum, vice-pres., E. Thomas, sec., A. Edwards, treas. Harvest Thanksgiving services, Mar. 24, were well attended. C.W.F. held film evening at which Hubert and Allen Edwards showed slides of return journey from England. C. G. Flood (Dalketh) exchanged pulpits with J. K. Robinson, 31st. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have transferred to Vic. Mrs. Newby back in fellowship. Mrs. Cerene, G. Abdullah, Mrs. Moyle, ill. Combined Easter service with Methodist held on Easter Sunday night, at which Mr. House (Methodist) was preacher. Services well attended, with exceptionally large attendances at communion. Record number of basketball teams in C. of C. competition.



attended. S. Dellaport was guest soloist. Plans for expansion of work amongst youth came into effect on 16th, with formation of Girls' Brigade, under leadership of Misses J. Glazier and J. Hynes, and formation of a Boys' Life Brigade, with K. Fennell and J. Laidlaw as leaders. At State Conference, R. Bartholomew was elected to Boys' Home Committee, and at C.W.F. Conference, Mrs. Bartholomew (Ashwood House) and Mrs. Dallinger (Social Service) were re-elected. I. Bentley has been appointed treas. of Dept. of Christian Education.

**Inverell (R. Powell).** — During Easter week Y.P. participated in early morning services arranged by Inter-Church Council to centre thoughts of young people around trial and crucifixion of Christ. On Good Friday evening, church joined in combined procession of witness, followed by service in Inverell Town Hall. Bishop of Armidale (Dr. J. S. Moyes) was speaker. G. Bulmer, who has been church sec. for many years was, with his wife, given farewell on 9th. A. Mackie made presentation on behalf of church, and Mrs. Mackie made presentation to Mrs. Bulmer on behalf of C.W.F. W. Boland was elected sec.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Albert Park (C. E. Watson).** — Good congregation at 9.30 a.m. Good Friday service. Members combined with churches at Easter Day dawn service at Seaton Baptist. Baptismal service held at 11 a.m. on Easter Day, when 2 were baptised and received into fellowship. Before baptisms took place congregation rededicated themselves to Christ and to assist in Christian teaching of new members. D. A. Mower has accepted position of asst. sec. whilst sec. is working in country areas. All members being visited re pledge giving.

**Brighton Gardens (C. H. J. Wright).** — Av. attendances for Mar. were: a.m. 181; p.m. 114. Annual business meeting decided to build new chapel as next move in extension programme. Newly appointed deacons are sec., G. Miller; chairman, K. Matthews; treas., T. Cooper; R. Holland, B. Wenham. R. Stacey resigned as treas. for health reasons. Family camp held at Longwood in Mar. with 60-70 members and their children. Record set with B.S. attendance of 332 on Mar. 10, following successful annual picnic on 9th. L. Drummond has been appointed supt. to replace K. Ladner, who resigned. C.M.F. commenced year with a barbecue at H. Thomas' home, when church members were invited to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wright and family. C.W.F. held "Festival of Art" to celebrate their 8th birthday, on Apr. 10. Miss P. Langworthy attended G.L.B.

church parade, Apr. 7, and told girls something of her work as Federal Organiser of G.L.B. There was one decision. T. Webber is leading Cabin Boys, with R. Hoffman as assistant. K. Matthews is leading senior C.Y.F. N. Glover and R. Holland are joint leaders of Junior C.Y.F. Mrs. M. Marshall has commenced a J.C.E. group to meet during sermon time of morning service. There have been 15 additions to membership so far this year.

**Barmera (T. F. Lawrie).** — Special stewardship meetings held during past month. On Apr. 2, an "every member present" meeting was held, when minister presented to church a booklet on *Dedication and Giving*. Apr. 7 was set aside for dedication and consecration, when a large congregation attended morning service. Church tea was also held. Successful B.S. picnic held. Minister and two other men attended leadership camp at Longwood. C.E. social held on 6th.

**Clovelly Park (J. C. Cunningham).** — Special evening services leading up to Easter well attended. C.E. has divided into Inter. and Y.P. groups. Both are functioning well. Many Y.P. attended Easter Camps. C.Y.F. meeting held, as barbecue, at beach. B.S. attained new record of 213 in attendance.

**Murray Bridge (H. Cave).** — Trip on M.V. Rayma meant day of good fellowship for C.W.A.F. Ladies have had a sewing day. Visit of Overseas Mission Committee ladies was special day; music, devotions and slides were appreciated. B.S. progressing well. Training class in operation. Picnic day well spent at Rolland's Farm, Rockleigh, where those kind folk made picnickers very welcome. Friendly Visitor now produced by Miss Beryl Lehmann. C.W.E.F. travelled to city with Presbyterian ladies to visit Ashford House school and Arnott's factory. Bowls, table tennis and basketball give people opportunity to witness at sport. Mrs. A. Grundy still in hospital. Special church service held to mark Jubilee of High School. R. Harper, Mr. Bywaters, Miss Heather Bywaters and G. Henning taking part.

**Prospect (A. J. Griffiths).** — Great deal of planning and work went to make loyalty dinner, held in April, a successful function. Ladies catered for excellent meal, and ladies of Enfield Heights church kindly assisted at tables and afterwards. I. J. Chivell and K. Horne gave excellent addresses and great majority of those present pledged their loyalty and service to Christ and his Church. Miss Swincer addressed open meeting of C.W.F. on work of Guide Dog Association, with assistance of her dog. Number of folk making good progress after illness.

## VICTORIA

**Preston (G. W. Barnett).** — Two B.S. scholars have made confession of faith. Happy time spent at B.S. picnic at Parkdale, Mar. 23. Several Y.P. attended Murray Valley Easter Youth Camp. N. Batterham a.m. speaker, 14th; p.m. service conducted by A. Quaike, when film, *Nicodemus*, was screened. Resignation of N. Wolstencroft, organist, received with regret, his faithful service during past years being appreciated.

**Boronia (J. A. Manallack).** — Attendances well maintained. Family dedication service held, with 158 present. Crowded services marked 42nd anniversary of church on Mar. 31, with C. G. Taylor, B.A., addressing a.m. service. Choir presented Stainer's *Crucifixion* at evening service, Apr. 7. Pamphlets setting out services and meetings for month are being regularly distributed to homes in district. Church joined with Methodist and Presbyterian congregations for Good Friday communion service in chapel. G. Collett (Methodist) addressed the 105 present. During minister's absence leading brotherhood Y.P. camp at Monbulk, services for 14th were conducted by E. L. Williams, M.A. and R. Peck. Officers elected to Board at annual business meeting were J. Croft, J. Doyle, Henry Chandler, J. Pye, G. Keeler, R. Brough, and N. Cartmel, as asst. sec. B and C grade tennis teams reached finals, being runners-up and premiers respectively.

**Essendon (V. Quayle).** — At annual church business meeting on Mar. 22, encouraging reports were received from all auxiliaries. Deacons elected: J. Hemsley (sec.), J. Strack (asst. sec.), D. Ferguson (treas.), N. Hutton, J. Hartney, G. Strack, W. Alves, L. Croxford; elders: N. Cheal, R. Tippet; deaconesses: Mrs. J. Hemsley, Mrs. N. Cheal. At a.m. service on 24th, two were welcomed into church fellowship. Soloist at p.m. service, Miss B. Tippet. A. Musgrove soloist, Apr. 7. On Mar. 25, C.Y.F. held film service in conjunction with Coca-Cola. Interesting selection of films enjoyed by the many who attended. Minister preached at combined Good Friday service, held at St. John's Presbyterian. Raymond Hosking progressing favorably after hospitalisation.

**Fairfield (T. A. Fitzgerald).** — At recent church business meeting it was revealed that because of transfers and removals, membership has been reduced to 30. After many years of faithful service, C. Butler has resigned as church sec. Under leadership of Campaigners for Christ, house to house visitation is being made on behalf of combined churches. Over 100 will be working in the district for period of 12 weeks. Chapel was full for united communion service on Good



Friday morning, at which T. A. Fitzgerald presided and Mr. Hopkins (Presbyterian) gave the address.

**Gardiner (K. J. Clinton - interim).** — Concert arranged by Alan Rowe, Mar. 24, enabled men to forward £45 to C.M.S. Landrover Appeal. Interim ministry of K. J. Clinton much appreciated. Attendances good; 96 at Good Friday morning service. Ministry of L. E. Wylie to commence Oct. 27.

**Horsham (T. V. Weir).** — Attendances being well maintained. Those elected at annual elections were D. Marshman, R. Hovey, R. Tucker, P. Finlayson (deacons); Mesdames R. Barnett, N. Hovey, L. Berry, E. Marshman and F. Abernethy (deaconesses). Bible study and preparation classes commencing for women of church in preparation for Woman to Woman evangelistic campaign in Sept. Visiting speaker, Mar. 17, was J. J. English (Frankston Baptist). B.S. conducting visual aid teachers' training programme.

**Box Hill (L. S. Dewberry).** — Mr. Holloway (B. & F. B. S.) and A. Pigdon (J.E.W.) speakers on Mar. 24. C.W.A.F. visited Oakleigh Guest Home, 26th. Mr. Sutherland speaker at Y.P.C.E., 27th. Junior Good Companions held barbecue on 28th at home of R. Muller. Speakers on 31st were W. T. Atkin and W. W. Saunders. On Apr. 3, guest speaker for Y.P.C.E. was A. Male (Portland). Special Easter services held on 7th, with appropriate items from choir. On 9th, C.W.A.F. held "Echoes of Conference" meeting. "B" grade cricket team was successful in winning premiership. Av. attendance for Mar., a.m. 202; p.m. 71; comm. 153.

**North Essendon - Milleara (A. E. White, B.A. - T. Mason).** — Annual business meeting held Mar. 22. All depts. reported activity and progress and outlined plans for year's work. Revised constitution, including provision for elders, presented and adopted. Half of Board members retire each year, and now consists of J. Alves, P. Brooks, R. Conning, J. Donaldson, R. Drayton, W. Ellison, J. Lycett, A. Marshall, K. McDonald, J. Pemberton, A. Ploog, D. Ploog, Mrs. Robottom, J. Williams; treas., R. Conning; sec., F. Mason; deaconesses, Mesd. Alves, Funston, F. Mason; auditor, R. Nicholson; B.S. supts., Nth. Essendon (J. Pemberton), Milleara (T. Mason); organists, Nth. Essendon: Mrs. Dugay, Mrs. Walt; Milleara: R. Alves, R. Brauman; press correspondent, F. Mason. Meetings well attended. On 31st, a man confessed Christ, following example of his wife fortnight earlier. Sympathy of church with K. Hurwood in sudden loss of mother by road accident. Attendances at Milleara being maintained, and C.Y.F. meetings on Sunday evenings are well attended for a new venture.

**Ivanhoe (H. W. Street).** — A. Page (Hurstbridge) exchanged with H. Street, Apr. 7. A. Harvey (Caveside, Tas.), in Melb. for Conference, attended several meetings at Ivanhoe, speaking at gospel service on 7th. At after-church fellowship, Misses L. Stevens, R. Hall and J. Fisher showed slides and spoke on recent working holiday in New Zealand. C.W.F. spent afternoon visiting sick and elderly people in district. B. Major welcomed back following stay in Sydney. Fight against proposed establishment of T.A.B. in Ivanhoe now being taken to Minister for Local Government. Men conducted evening services at Oakleigh Guest Home during Mar. Mrs. H. Earl recovering from illness.

**Carnegie (R. Hillbrich).** — At close of a.m. service, Mar. 31, presentation of hymnbook was made to Mrs. McCarty for years of service to P.B.P. Mrs. Barranger has been ill. Explorers were 3rd in swimming sports. At p.m. family service, the Ferguson family conducted the service, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and Barbara, rendering vocal items. Carnegie Methodist joined in Good Friday service. At annual meeting special mention was made of valuable services by organists — Ian Ferguson, Stan and Rosalie Strother and Joan Galletly. B.S. appreciates donation of stack-away chairs for kinder dept., by ladies.

**Moreland (G. A. Grainger).** — Evening service, Mar. 31, was conducted by Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Association, it being occasion of their 25th anniversary. Many visitors from various clubs were present, along with the Youth Directors of both communions, who each received a gift of £25 from the Association for their respective departments. Singing of the Ambassadors' Quartet and address by C. Candy (East Kew, past pres.) were greatly appreciated. C.W.F. catered for special dinner for the Association. Minister was welcomed home at after-church fellowship, Apr. 7. He spoke on his work as chaplain to English migrants. Scholar confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at gospel service.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

**DUNN - CHISWELL.** — Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dunn, 44 Bossington-st., South Oakleigh, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, June Mary, to Mervyn Arthur, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chiswell, 12 McMahon-st., St. Arnaud, Vic.

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## Mrs. Mary Cotton.

The presence at the funeral services for Mrs. Mary Cotton, March 1, of close relatives, fellow church members, neighbors, friends and representatives of many service organisations, was a reflection of the way in which our late sister invested her life. Soon after their arrival from England 37 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Cotton made their home in Box Hill, where they came into the membership of the church under the ministry of the late J. E. Allan. Mrs. Cotton was soon serving in the Kindergarten Dept., where for years she exerted a strong influence. She was a foundation member of the Box Hill Friendly Circle — a group of women who gave their time and energies to raising money for charities and worthy causes. Last year she was awarded a Life Governorship by the Box Hill and District Hospital for the work she did through the Friendly Circle. She was also actively engaged in the work of The Ministry to Children League and the Box Hill branches of the Pensioners' Association and the Elderly Citizens' Club. She rose above crises in her own life to the calm, quiet faith in which she died. After 12 months of almost continuous pain, in which her faith, courage and patience were most admirable, she became aware of the

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