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K. W. BARTON, L.Th., Dip.R.E., Chairman of the Federal Literature Department, speaks of . . .

## AIMS AND AMBITIONS

Lest you should misunderstand the aims and ambitions of the Literature Department, let me hasten to say that we do not suggest that you should be reading religious books all the time, and that you should read only Christian literature.

### Plea

What we are pleading for and aiming at is the inclusion of Christian literature with your reading material, and an increase in the quantity of such reading.

Accordingly, the Federal Literature Department has the function of promoting the reading of Christian literature, and the publishing of suitable material to be read.

### Publications

Our work of publication is centred mainly around the production of Provocative Pamphlets, which are issued monthly to members of the Pamphlet Club. Over 100 Provocative Pamphlets have been published, and supplies of some of these are still available. It is worth noting that the word "provocative" is used here, not primarily in the sense of being argumentative, but of provoking thought about the information and issues presented in the pamphlets.

The Literature Department has now launched upon an expanded Pamphlet Club, through which we aim to widen the scope of our publishing by including different types of pamphlets, tracts, leaflets, and even booklets. In this way we shall be offering a regular, systematic supply of literature on

basic subjects, such as Stewardship, Worship, Doctrine, Evangelism and Outreach, Church Life and Administration.

### Promotion

In the way of promotion, that is, in encouraging the reading of Christian literature, we aim at (1) a wider circulation and reading of the above-mentioned literature; (2) the giving of guidance in what to read; and (3) a practical observance of Literature Week, which will result in the purchase and reading of more Christian books by the members of our churches.



In the story of Philip and the Ethiopian, Philip heard the Ethiopian reading from the prophet Isaiah, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The Ethiopian replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" Philip then proceeded to give the Ethiopian the kind of guidance which would help him in his understanding of what he was reading.

The Literature Department wishes to do something of the same kind of thing through the services which it offers. These services include the Pamphlet Club already mentioned, and the promotion of an annual Literature Week, with which is associated a recommended book list. This list includes books which should be of interest and help, although it is by no means an exhaustive list. It is, rather, a list of specific suggestions to give you some ideas or guidance for your reading. It could quite well be added to with many other books, such as Cecil Northcott's vital book, *Christianity in Africa*, which he prefaces by saying, "Christianity is in a tight spot in Africa: some would say a very tight spot . . ."; and *Many Witnesses, One Lord*, written by William Barclay to show "what Christianity meant to the different men who wrote the books of the New Testament."

### Purpose

It hardly needs to be said that the basic purpose and aim of the Literature Department is the nourishment and nurture of mind and soul through Christian literature. The spiritual life may be nourished and developed by many means — through fellowship, worship, prayer, service, devotion — and the reading of religious material must take its place with them. To this end, then, we encourage the reading of good Christian literature, together with the reading of the Bible, the greatest Christian literature of all, for which someone has given the direction: "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practise it to be holy."

We wish you good reading, hoping that you will follow the spirit and example of Augustine, who wrote in his *Confessions*, "Suddenly, I heard the voice of a child coming from the neighboring house, chanting over and over again, 'Take and read, take and read' . . . I snatched up the apostle's book, opened it, and in silence read."



# Christ in the Paperbacks

R. V. Longthorp.

You might almost call the paperback "instant reading." Those glossy, plasticised covers simply implore you to take them up, open and read. At any rate, it is no exaggeration to say, as one publisher so jubilantly put it, that the paperback has created a new reading public.

It is good to see that the publishers of Christian literature have been quick to use the advantages of the paperback format to bring to the public at large the best thoughts and writings of Christian scholarship. The Student Christian Movement has issued some wonderful titles in the S.C.M. paperback series, and three of these I especially commend.

William Barclay's *Crucified and Crowned* deals "historically and theologically with the last days of Jerusalem" (to quote the back cover). Some of us are wondering if Barclay writes in his sleep, for in the past ten years he has published enough books to make a library in his own right! And how does he maintain so high a quality of writing? This book is first class, as usual. It offers deep insight into the customs of the times and illuminates at every point the Gospel narrative of the trials, crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. This book should be compulsory reading for all who teach in Bible Class. Not the least virtue of *Crucified and Crowned* is the fact that it grapples so ably with the contentious issues involved in theories of the atonement. Barclay quite firmly commits himself to one viewpoint, after fairly discussing all the important ideas, and whether you end up agreeing with him or not, you cannot help feeling grateful for the way he opens up the significance of the death of Christ.

The Editor of the S.C.M. paperbacks is David Edwards, and he has contributed richly with his *God's Cross In Our World*. The "shape" of the book first captured my attention, and the contents did not disappoint. Each chapter is built around a key text relating to the last days of Jesus' earthly life, and upon this foundation the writer shows how those issues of "ancient times" are still vital today. He helps us to understand the mission of the Church in the world, and how we must pursue a course of "holy worldliness" if we are to redeem the world in the name of the Crucified Saviour. He offers trenchant comments on world movements, and how we must face them as Christians. For instance, his opening chapter is entitled "The Compulsory Cross," based on the incident of Simon of Cyrene being forced to shoulder the cross.

Simon was an African, and we are shown the Cross in Africa today, as that vast continent shudders in nationalistic upheavals. Simon was also a Jew — the book offers a moving commentary on the Jew in the modern world. Whatever else the book achieves, it puts fins to the jibe that Christianity is "the opiate of the people." This book neither lulls nor allows complacency.

Forty years ago, William Temple, later to become Archbishop of Canterbury, published two short lectures, *Christ's Revelation of God* and *The Universality of Christ*. The S.C.M.

has brought both together in *About Jesus*. The first essay is a masterpiece of conciseness, clarity and depth. We see "What Jesus presupposed" (about God), "What he taught by speech" and "What he taught by action." Here is a scholarship which upholds the Christian faith as a living thing. Listen to him commenting on the ascension: "The ascension means indeed the withdrawal of his bodily and local presence, but that is withdrawn only so that his spiritual presence may be everywhere available. Because he is 'in heaven,' he is everywhere on earth; because he is ascended, he is here."

If you had to pack the proverbial small bag and were exiled to the proverbial desert island, here are three companions who would keep heart and mind nurtured through many a thirsty day.

## THE "CHRIST-FIGURE" IN MODERN LITERATURE

A. R. Haskell, Vic.-Tas. Conference President.

There is a figure in many modern novels who never comes fully into the story. And there is a veiled character in many poems who hovers on the page, yet is elusive and indefinable.

This is what is often spoken of as the "Christ-figure" which haunts modern literature.

That modern literature is a concern of the Christian is being recognised more and more by the leaders of the Church and vast numbers of its members. Even Martin Luther said that "without knowledge of literature, pure theology cannot at all endure," explaining that by the study of literature, poetry and rhetoric the Christian grows wonderfully fitted for the grasping of sacred truth.

Among the most striking features of modern writing, as the Christian examines it for what it has to say about the people and world of our day, are the religious and Christian themes, symbols, "truths," and even "Christ-figures" which appear in the works of contemporary literary artists.

Perhaps you have read stories which call to mind the hallmarks of Christ's life? There might be the themes of redemptive suffering, reconciliation, unjust treatment of men, perhaps death in the pursuit of a noble cause, these various themes embracing a "Christ-figure." There is also the paradox of using human clay to picture majestic, infinite God.

There are occasions when literary critics point to a certain character

as being a classic example of the "Christ-figure." But from the Christian perspective the ultimate limitation of the analogy must be made: the example dies a pointless death. Without detracting from the "greatness" of the book, one puts it down with a feeling of pity, whereas one walks away from the scene on Golgotha filled with awe.

There are many striking religious, indeed Christian, truths in much of modern literature. Further, there are many analogies to the person and work of Christ in much writing. Some characters even seem to walk a Way of Sorrows as Christ did nearly 2,000 years ago. The character may become an actual substitute for Christ by solving his own problems and replacing the work of Christ with his own.

But Christ still haunts the pages. For we know that the great God-Man of history still broods over all his creation and his creatures. He still comes into the world, the Lamb of God, to seek and to save that which is lost. And the more Christ is not there — in the book — the more the very absence of the Saviour of the world cries out for his presence, his forgiveness and his redeeming love.

I commend the Federal Literature Department in promoting Literature Week, May 19-28, and through it the stimulating of interest in Christian literature, and the consequent growth in Christian faith, character, ideals and service.



# The Gospel, the World, and Literature

C. L. Smith (Hampton, Vic.).

The young missionary, Hudson Taylor, wrote a typically earnest letter to his sister Louisa, aged 17, from Swatow in China in 1856, in which he said:

"There is one thing I would especially warn you against . . . one of the greatest curses of the present day — the practice of novel reading. If you value your mind and soul, avoid it as you would a dangerous serpent . . . The only safety lies in avoiding novels as one of Satan's most subtle snares."

The founder of the China Inland Mission may in fact have had no time to spend with novels, although he confesses a temperament attracted to them. But a general rule which would forbid Christians to use (or write) novels would make our understanding of his own century the poorer. For the nineteenth century novelists often give the flavor of their times better than many histories, or the tedious memoirs so favored then.

But it seems to me that Christians are often inhibited from a proper use and appreciation of secular literature by the sort of rigorouslyness in moral view which Taylor shows. While it is true that most Christians who read at all, do read novels — and a wide range of other secular literature, it is often with no serious effort to relate this material to their faith. We use the word "worldly" to raise a suspicion about something religiously. And the Scriptures contain a derogatory sense of "worldly." But the fact has not always been realised in proper focus that there is a true love of the world warranted by Scripture. God created and loved the world. "God likes life; he invented it." And too often the notion of separation from the world has been simply an unscriptural and inhuman abandonment of proper responsibility in God's world.

I heard recently an expression of opinion that it was a matter of the greatest concern that artists and the church community in Australia were pretty much divorced. And if that is true of the general situation, it is probably accentuated within our own community. Why should this be so?

Plato wanted to banish unruly artists from his ideal State because they would depict aspects of life which he thought unedifying. They would depict men (and gods) in their baser activities, and Plato felt that this was no help in training the young, or keeping the citizens of the ideal State hard at work. And the almost complete insulation of the

church community and artistic and cultural activity in our country, probably points to something of the same sort of thinking on the part of religious people. What are thought to be moral considerations cause us to keep our distance from the sort of prickly integrity which artists of any sort must have if they are to picture the human situation as it is — and not as any person or community would like it to be.

This alienation, however, is a cause of poverty, both in art and in religion. For art can quickly become sordid and trivial when it is wholly persuaded by a modern mood to ignore the insights of religious faith. And religion becomes a private cult without the power (or the concern) to speak to real human conditions when it is uninformed by the sensitive integrity of the best artists.

We live in one world, where the secular and the religious are aspects of the one reality. We have attempted to live in water-tight compartments: "unspotted by the world" has been interpreted as meaning "we have as little contact with the world as possible, for we have nothing to learn from it." And that sort of arrogance has nothing to do with humility or love. At an early stage in my life I had to look closely at Christadelphianism, and recoiled from it (into the College of the Bible) with the instinctive feeling, "God is bigger than that!" I later came to know and cherish the verse in Deuteronomy 32: 3, "Ascribe greatness to our God." Too often we are content with second best in the service of God. And it is only by letting the highest standards of human achievement measure our offering to God and man that we will be alerted to our own shortcomings. Many films, purporting to be religious, by their shallowness have created unfavorable impressions on anyone with any critical ability at all. One viewing of the film, *A Man is Ten Feet Tall*, gave me an abiding sense of the horror of the crucifixion. For me that was a religious experience. The film, *Carmen Jones*, with its picture of the corruption and destruction of a human being, had the same effect on me that I imagine a morality-play must have had on mediaeval audiences. It is not necessary for a film or book to be "religious" for it to speak to the deepest places of our spirits. So I am not persuaded that the Marshall-Graham-Peale type of religious literature (to mention only three names) is to be thought of as the high-point

of a Christian's reading. There are a great number of modern writers who are probing much more deeply into the concerns of man and God than many of the official theologians of the churches.

If as I have been trying to suggest there is a vital place for the labor of understanding the best art, within the Church, then what can be done about this among us?

1. It is part of the work of ministers to do their homework in modern literature. John Doberstein, in an introduction to the translation of the sermons of Helmut Thielicke, *The Waiting Father*, points out that "nothing in this world is alien to this preacher," in his effort to interpret faith to contemporary life. H. E. Root says:

"We shall have to come to terms with a world in which old patterns of morality no longer direct or inspire because they no longer have life. We shall have to admit that we have no ready answers to the questions people ask because for so long we have insulated ourselves against their questions. Christian faith has been an ark of retreat."

Paul Tillich speaks of his whole theology as:

"An attempt to use the method of correlation as a way of uniting message and situation. It tries to correlate the question implied in the situation with the answers implied in the message."


It is this sort of labor that our churches, by and large, have shirked. And while responsibility rests on preachers to do more work in this area, there must be a demand from churches for it.

2. Rising standards of education must have their fruits in church communities, so that there is a real demand for preaching that is relevant to the modern situation. Most of our churches get the sort of preaching that they are ready to listen to. A proper expectation and alertness sharpened by acquaintance with the best literature would call forth a new sharpness and clarity from the pulpit. Proclamation of the Word of God is not simply saying — it is also listening.

3. Can we anticipate the day when we do not have to look only at secular journals for information about significant happenings on the field of literature? Perhaps the Literature Department can consider working more directly in this field, so that it is not primarily engaged in interpreting the brotherhood to itself, but in witnessing to the gospel in this world.



## THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



# WOMEN



## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

## Programme for June

## "We Build Each Other Up"

Mrs. Dorothy Elliott, N.S.W.

## MEDITATION.

Let us pause and meditate on the selfless love of Jesus. He left his home in glory because of his love for us. How often we read, "He was moved with compassion," and ministered to those in need. He died on the Cross that we might have life eternal. "Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved! And we must love him, too."

## HYMN.

No. 524, "Jesus, thy boundless love to me."

## PRAYER.

O loving God, our Father, in the name of Jesus we come to thee. Thou who hast loved us with such tender compassion, help us to keep our eyes on thy loveliness, that we may be filled with a love such as thine; that we may love those who love thee not, and those who love us not; that we may turn their eyes to behold thy glorious love, that for them, too, "the things of earth may grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace." We praise thee, we thank thee, for thy great love. Amen.

## BIBLE READING.

Romans 14: 13-23.

## DEVOTIONAL.

To help another to build we must do some spade work ourselves — dig out from our hearts and lives the hindrances. Many a stump has to be removed before foundations can be laid.

If we are in the Christian life for what we can get out of it — prominence, self-satisfaction, power, we certainly will hinder the building progress of those who are striving by our side. But if we are humbly serving God and our fellows, asking nothing for ourselves, our very dependence upon God will strengthen our faith, and our faith will add to the faith of our co-workers in the building of life.

There are many "stumps" to be removed, and "stones" to be built upon.

Criticism is a stump to be removed. No one has ever been built up on unkind criticism. But many have fallen by the way because of harsh words uttered against them. Criticise ourselves, yes, find our own faults

and remove them — but do not judge another.

Prayer, however, is a stone upon which we can build. When John Cotton was criticised by one of his colleagues in the work of the church, he said: "Let me have your prayers, brother, that it may be otherwise hereafter." It is hard to pray and criticise at the same time.

Discouragement is another stump to be removed. It is easy to be discouraging. How often we hear, "That won't work." "It sounds alright, but it's a lot of hard work." "Don't let us tackle that." This sort of talk breaks down, rather than builds up. When asked to do something, don't make idle excuses. Half-heartedness is a great discourager.

Enthusiasm, however, is a stone upon which builders rely. Get behind every suggestion, and give every encouragement you can. "Let us do with our might what our hands find to do." Build each other up in enthusiasm; it is catching, you know.

Paul, in this reading as in other writings, puts emphasis on love. J.B.

Phillips translates it this way, v. 15, "If your habit of unrestricted diet seriously upsets your brother, you are no longer living in love towards him"; and in v. 17, "After all, the kingdom of heaven is not a matter of whether you get what you like to eat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

That is not merely a matter of eating and drinking, but all the selfish pursuits that we engage in. Whether the conscience is easy or not, is not the point. Whatever is given up for the sake of another, shows love. And love is the greatest stone to build upon. Love begets love.

Whatever we give up for Christ becomes a blessing. Nothing is so important that it should stand in the way of another's salvation.

Let us build on prayer, enthusiasm, but above all love, then we will be well on the way, as suggested in v. 19, to "follow after these things that make for peace, wherewith one may edify another," or, "build each other up."

## HYMN.

No. 520, "It passeth knowledge."

## MISSIONARY NEWS.

## MISSIONARY PRAYER.

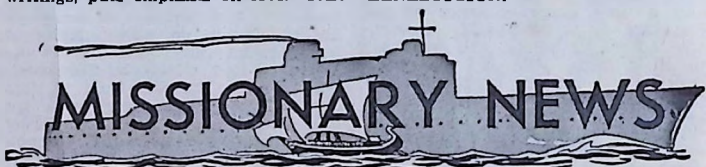
## BUSINESS.

## ADDRESS.

## HYMN.

No. 527, "My Jesus, I love thee."

## BENEDICTION.



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

## Opportunities at Dhond

Ruth Roberts.

"... turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God . . . that they might obtain inheritance among them that are sanctified through faith that is in me . . ."

A few months ago, I had the privilege of relieving Sister Win. Walker for five days in the Dhond Hospital, and I would like to tell you about two young women whom I met there.

These two young women were in two separate rooms, divided by a wall that did not reach up to the ceiling. One always forgets that the folks over the wall can hear what is said on the other side.

Laxmibai had come in with peculiar marks on her face and body — a type of welts, with a formation like I had noticed on stones outside houses and marks on doors, and like

the arrangement of the weird stones that are set up outside villages in spirit dancing grounds. She had been vomiting blood and was a medical problem. When she became frantic with mysterious pains that travelled all over her body, the all-wise hypodermic needle put her to sleep. On questioning and accusing her relatives that they had deliberately made these welts on her body as a kind of "counter irritant" to relieve pain (something like a mustard plaster acts), I was finally convinced by their hurt reaction to my accusation, that they were innocent of this charge. They repeatedly insisted that it had "just happened."

I said, "You mean, an evil charm?" "Yes, Yes," they said, waxing suddenly eloquent and helpful. I looked again at the welts. They were undoubtedly mysterious!

We left it at that, and later, Joy Williams and I went to see this "prize case." I showed her the marks, and they gave further information.

Tungabhadrabai Bhosle had been there that morning, and had left a Gospel of Luke, after having told them of Jesus. I then said on hearing their story, "You are under the domination of Satan and he has afflicted you and will continue to do so, till you change your master. Do you want to be made free? The Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil."

The chief man in the picture said, "Yes. Teach us, teach these," indicating the young women attendants sitting on the floor by the bed. It was heart-moving and wonderful, and we told him to read to them Luke's Gospel of the Lord Jesus, who came to seek and save the lost.

We then walked round to see the other very ill patient over the wall, and as we entered the room, the mother said, "Krishnabai had that same spell cast over her twelve months ago, and she has never been well since." They had been listening over the wall, as it was a subject that vitally concerned themselves. They were gripped with the thought that there was a Deliverer for them. When we offered the Gospel, the husband said that he could not read, but the

mother cut in with a cry of "How can you say that? There is so and so who can read in our house." She was eager to know of this Deliverer.

Laxmibai was discharged next day. Krishnabai is still there. She later developed typhoid. Dr. Williams tells me, but by God's grace and mercy she is now recovering. Could it be that God has brought her low that he might bring her under the sound of the gospel of his beloved Son? Pray for these two families represented.

### Spiritual Needs Are Greater

Loreen Stanhope, New Guinea.

Here at Tung, for several weeks, there was a child of about one year. She was skin and bone, and weighed about 6 lbs. — the average weight at birth here is about 5 lbs. She was suffering from malnutrition, and her parents were caught tipping out a bottle of milk she had been given. Then there was the man from a village about half an hour's walk away. He had cut his shin with an axe the previous afternoon, and had suffered arterial bleeding all night and while he hobbled along here next morning. No-one would carry him here and

no-one knew anything about applying a pressure pad, which eventually stopped the bleeding in just a short while. And so we could go on, with cases of ulcers, sores, malaria, burns and sheer neglect, so that the physical needs of these people are quite considerable.

But although the physical need of these people is great, their spiritual need of Christ is greater! In one village, about two hours' walk away, a new church building in the middle of their village was opened. The people had built their own chapel out of bush materials, and decorated it with palm branches and colored leaves for the occasion. However, there is a great hardness of heart on the whole among these people. They are renowned for the "materialistic outlook." So many of them come around so often with "You can give me . . . this or that." Then again they tend to regard the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ as only something belonging to the white man and his ancestors! Only in answer to prevailing prayer can some of these people be found among those out of every tribe and kindred and tongue and nation around God's throne on the great day of judgment!

G. WLADYSIUKE (minister, Slavic Church of Christ, Sydney) looks at some of our own . . .

## "Sheep Without a Shepherd"

In *The Australian Christian* of Apr. 19, 1963, there was an interesting article entitled, "A Congregation Cares for the Needy." In this article, I noticed, is given a description of the social work done by a church. It appears that a great number of New Australians arrived in the Dandenong (Vic.) district, the greater number of whom were not British migrants. I have also noticed that these people were cared for with provision of daily needs, until they could be settled in the newly adopted country and able to look after themselves. However, whilst commending the work of this group, in my opinion the most important part of life was overlooked. People who come from a place such as Communist China have been deprived by their former Government of a true knowledge of Christ by the lack of missionaries to these people, who migrated to China and who were not adequately fluent in the Chinese language. They were also deprived by the Communist Government of any tuition about God.

On their arrival in this country they get everything but what their souls need most. Surprisingly enough, it appears that no one ever thought of introducing some sort of chaplaincy service to this people in their own language, which would help them

spiritually, on behalf of the Australian Christians, by introducing them to God's inspired Book and the true knowledge of God himself. If we compare the words of Christ to this situation, we would surely say, "what profiteth these people to be satisfied and clothed, but not saved?"

Experience has shown that non-English-speaking migrants who reach our land in adulthood will never fully appreciate the English language in order to comprehend the gospel truth in regard to their salvation. This means that not less than 50 years would elapse before this generation will pass away, and be replaced by the new one that would perfectly and fully know the language used in our land.

This picture should accentuate our understanding of the urgent need of fulfilling Christ's command to preach the gospel to all creatures.

We claim that we are striving to restore New Testament Christianity. The question is . . . are we, if we are not preaching to these people who are in our own land, perishing without salvation in Christ? God said in Ezekiel 33: 8, "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his

way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." We should also be reminded of the words of Paul, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (1 Cor. 9: 16).

In view of the above passages, we must question ourselves, do we feel compelled, like Paul, to preach the gospel?

Since 1948, the flow of migrants into this land is continuing, but there has been no action on our part, as a brotherhood, to do anything in order to bring them to Christ. In this case, it is a Christian responsibility to do our utmost to preach the Word to these people, in season and out of season, whilst not forsaking good deeds of looking after their material and physical well being.

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Mildura church, Vic., congratulated "Gran" Henderson, who celebrated her 100th birthday with an At Home at Mildura church hall on Apr. 6.

The church at Springvale, Vic., where J. G. Shaw is ministering, is preparing for a New Life Crusade to be conducted by a team of men from the Federal College of the Bible, May 19-June 2, and would appreciate the prayer support of interested readers.



# OPEN FORUM

## UNITED CHURCHES.

A news release in A.C., April 16, causes me grave concern. It is announced that the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in East Asia are now "completely integrated into the United Churches of four countries in which work is being carried on."

This must, however, surely mean the abandonment of the Restoration plea in these places, and the capitulation of doctrinal convictions by our members. As unrestricted exchange of members and ministers takes place with denominational groups, the emphasis upon New Testament Christianity will be lost.

It will be interesting to see if there are any of our churches in Thailand who, because of doctrinal convictions concerning such things as baptism and the Lord's Supper, refuse to be ushered by the U.C.M.S. into the United Church.

When our churches in the Philippines were amalgamated into the United Church, a number of our missionaries and a host of Filipino Christians who believe in the principles which brought our Movement into being, refused to be diluted and incorporated in the new denomination. There are now in the Philippines, according to the Christian Standard, more than three hundred faithful congregations — Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, with a total membership exceeding fifty thousand, who stand in the place of those who have abandoned the Restoration plea.

The current quest for union at the expense of the restoration of the New Testament pattern must cause grave concern to many of God's people.—H. C. Wheat, Kīngaroy, Qld.

## "LEARNING TO PRAY."

Having read Pamphlet No. 1 in the Devotional Life Series, I am astounded that it has not been mentioned in these columns. Is this because J. B. Fitch describes a situation peculiar to America, which has no counterpart in our Australian churches? Can it be said that we know and use the power of prayer as the first Christians did?

A glance at recent statistics shows that we have no cause for complacency. In Victoria, less than ½ per cent of the population were members of Churches of Christ, and while the population increased by more than 2 per cent last year, our membership increased by less than 1 per cent. To put it another way, at the beginning of the year we had 483 members in each 100,000 Victorians, but at the end of the year we had 483 members in each 101,200 people. Moreover, less

than ½ per cent of the population attended our Bible Schools, and the number of scholars decreased by over 1½ per cent during the year. It is obvious that we are not keeping up with our increasing population. Is this because our evangelistic programmes lack adequate prayer-support? Is this the reason why the Pamphlet Club brought this pamphlet to our notice?

Perhaps the pamphlet has not been mentioned because steps are already being taken to implement some of the suggestions made on pages 6-7. "The idea of a spiritual retreat is . . . mandatory in the age in which we live . . . As leaders may be found and trained to conduct such gatherings, the conferences should be developed within State or provincial areas. Creative experiences of prayer and devotion will be only a part of such settings . . . Studies in the life of prayer may then be undertaken within local churches." If such arrangements are being made, let us know so that we can undergird them in prayer. If there are no such arrangements, then let those who feel that "every church should be a school of prayer" make sure that our ministers are aware of the need.—G. R. Clark, Glen Waverley, Vic.

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## News of British Churches

A Conference on Worship and Evangelism has been held in the Furness district. The visiting speakers were A. L. Brown, Principal of Overdale College, and Dr. Lin D. Cartwright, who is spending a year at Overdale as visiting lecturer. This is the first of a series of conferences, held in various parts of the country, in which Principal Brown and Dr. Cartwright will take a major part.

During the anniversary services at Hornsey, London, a lecture in memory of the late W. E. Harrop was dedicated. Mr. Harrop served for many years as secretary of the London churches.

The Social Questions Committee is to provide a tractor and the money to train an operator, under the Inter-Church Aid scheme. The cost, to be raised within the year, is £1,300. Donations are being received at the rate of £100 per month.

Presentations have been made at Whiteinch church, Glasgow, to Mr. and Mrs. E. McKerrill who, after over fifty years in membership, are removing for health reasons to another part of Scotland. Both have served in many offices in their local church.

Mersey-side churches, at their half-yearly conference, elected a woman President to serve for 1963-64.

## Voices from the Past

The following extracts are taken from the Presidential Address given at the 1913 Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales, preached by A. E. ILLINGWORTH.

The year just closed has been full of sensations in the civil, religious and political world. This Conference does not concern itself primarily with general topics, but there are two public matters which demand our constant watchfulness — namely, education and temperance reform.

Bear with me while I speak about some other things that concern the Kingdom.

First, Administration. I met recently a man who told me frankly that although he believed in Home Missions, he could not support them, as he disapproved of the administration. I think that spirit sometimes creeps also into our churches. I trust we shall fight against it. It will be goodbye to co-operation in evangelistic work if each church is only going to "look to the folk down our street."

Now for a word of Admonition. We all need to develop more faith. Let us not be afraid to "start causes." We are apt to shun "small beginnings." Let us not rest satisfied with small things. We are apt to get limited in our vision. We need the great Renewer to restore our souls, to open out the blocked senses, to clear away the impediments from the highways of our life, in order that we may have ready communion with our brother. Oh, my brethren, we need to have more faith, and not rest so complacently satisfied with our own little conventicle. The gospel is for all. Let us all aim to grow "big," so as to do "big" things for Jesus.

Second, more fire. However much the Church may excel as a social club, or as an ethical school, if it falls in evangelisation it has missed its chief calling. We need more glow and heat in our efforts to win men to Christ.

Lastly, more fervor. The needed faith and fire are generated at the footstool of the Redeemer. Praying feeds missions at home and abroad. It promotes giving. Parsimony is stifled in the atmosphere of God's presence. Gifts are multiplied and magnified when the giver is consecrated. When disciples begin to pray for souls they begin to yearn over them, and to be willing to make sacrifices for their salvation. No man can breathe freely in the atmosphere of prayer while he stifles benevolent impulses. At the throne of grace we develop our fervor for the things that concern the Kingdom.



# World Convention News

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## DELEGATE OBSERVER.

William G. Baker, Edinburgh, Scotland, has been appointed unanimously by the Executive Committee of the World Convention to be its delegate observer at the second session of the Second Vatican Council, which begins in Rome, Sept. 8. He is an elder in the Dalkeith-rd. Church of Christ (Disciples), and a professor in one of the Edinburgh seminaries. The General Secretary of the World Convention, Jesse M. Bader, was appointed by the Executive Committee to be its first delegate observer last year at the first session of the Second Vatican Council, which began last Oct. 11, and concluded on the following Dec. 8.

## VISITORS.

A recent visitor to America during the month of March was R. S. Garfield Todd, of Dadaya, Southern Rhodesia. He gave addresses in churches, colleges and universities while in America. He carried out a very heavy schedule. He returned to his home in early April.

Mr. and Mrs. Don K. Beller, together with their son and daughter, will be in the United States during May and June. They live in Gollands, near Adelaide, South Australia. Mr. Beller is an elder in his local congregation. He was President of the South Australia Conference in 1960-61, and presently serves on the State Executive, and also on the Australian Committee for the World Convention, of which Sir Philip Messent is the Chairman. This family will visit eight or ten centres as they travel across America from San Francisco to New York. The World Convention office in New York has notified some of the American Churches of Christ (Disciples) in these centres concerning their visit.

Two recent visitors at the Headquarters Office of the World Convention in New York were Mr. and Mrs. David J. A. Verco, of Wahroonga, New South Wales, Australia. He is the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Education for New South Wales. They will spend about three months in the interests of his work in public education.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Goulter were in New York following their trip around the world. This fine couple were in China as Disciple missionaries for 30 years, and they were on the faculty of Phillips University for ten years.

## MEETINGS.

The Finance Committee of the World Convention held a meeting on May 6 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Committee on Programme and Arrangements of the World Convention will hold its first meeting in Indian-

apolis on June 28. The Executive Committee of the World Convention will hold its annual meeting, Nov. 22, in Indianapolis.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The British Annual Conference will meet this year in Wigan, England, Aug. 3-8. The two fraternal delegates being sent to the Conference from the International Convention of Christian churches (Disciples of Christ) are Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Stacey, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

## SECRETARIAL VISITS.

Laurence V. Kirkpatrick, the Associate General Secretary of the World Convention, visited the Disciple students of the Campbell Club at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut; and also at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Also, he spoke recently in chapel at the College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader (World Convention Secretary) has addressed many meetings, and spoken on radio and T.V., on the Second Vatican Council, at which he was a delegate observer.

## STUDY PROGRAMME.

The Central Study Committee of the World Convention met in St. Louis, Feb. 22 of this year. Dr. Stephen J. England is the Chairman. A number of first draft manuscripts have been received from many Study Groups located in fifteen countries of the world. There are 50 of these Study Groups, with a total membership of 600, who are working on the following study subjects: Christianity in a Revolutionary Age, Churches of Christ (Disciples) within Ecumenical Christianity, The Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit, The Nature and Place of Worship in the Church, The Biblical Authority for Today, The Ministry of All Believers.

These six subjects will be discussed in three Study Breakfasts during the 1965 Assembly of the World Convention in Puerto Rico.

## THE NEXT ASSEMBLY.

The Seventh Assembly of the World Convention will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aug. 9-15, 1965. There are evidences of a rising tide of interest in this next world gathering of our brethren. The International Christian Women's Fellowship has postponed its meeting from 1965 to 1966. The International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) has decided not to hold its regular annual Assembly in 1965, but instead will hold area conventions. This means that in Canada and the United States, the World Convention will have the "right of way" for its 1965 Assembly in Puerto Rico.

The members of our youth group are not spiritual enough. They seem more interested in having a good time than in Christian service. How can I help them become more spiritual?

I hope that my reply will not offend you. It is only meant to shock you a bit. You say that the members of your group are not spiritual enough. Not spiritual enough for whom? You . . . or God? Is there not a danger that you may be a judge, when your right place is with those whom you accuse?

What do you mean by spiritual? Some set up tests of spirituality like these: Does he go to prayer meetings? Does he take part in prayer services? Does he talk a lot about Christ and the Church? Does he carry his Bible with him? Now, these things are desirable and we should encourage them, but they are not tests of spirituality. A man could do all these things without being spiritual at all. No! the tests are more like these: Is he true? Is he honorable? Is he clean and decent? Is he gracious and tolerant? Is he compassionate? You may not be able to give the final answer to those questions, but don't worry about that. You are not expected to do so. And remember, it is the man who utters pious phrases, who prays long and loudly, who lays claim to great spirituality and does not live up to his claims — he is the hypocrite. And Jesus said so!

I've known lots of young people who have a good time and yet live lives of service and inspiration that make me envy the quality of their life and the effect of their service. Of course, it all depends on what you mean by "a good time." What standard do you use?

Perhaps you mean that their approach to life is too light and frothy. Maybe it is. Many young people (and others) are not so concerned as they should be about the things of God. But young people (and others) have a right to happiness, and a lot of things that are condemned as un-Christian are condemned without our Lord's authority.

What can you do? Here's something not to do! Don't tell them they are not spiritual enough. That's not your job, even if your righteousness does exceed theirs. You should rather thank God in humility for his grace to you and pour into life your spirituality — let's call it Christianity — and let Christ help you to fullness of life. I've a feeling that you might even have a good time doing it!



# HERE AND THERE

Material for the first three pages of this issue (and for the book list on the last two) was provided by our Federal Literature Department in connection with the annual observance of Literature Week, May 19-26, 1963.

Our representatives on the National Marriage and Family Week Council are anxious that our churches should do their utmost to co-operate in the observance of Family Week, commencing on Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day) and continuing through to May 18. We commend the work the Council is doing to remind people of the things that make for worthwhile home and national life.

Maylands church, S.A., announces that D. G. Hammer has accepted a renewal of his term as minister there.

The Vic.-Tas. Conference President (A. R. Haskell) paid a special visit to Geelong on Wed., May 1, to share in the Civic Welcome tendered to the mission team of Doug, Willis and Claude Gadge. Other church representatives were present, and appreciated the gesture of the Mayor of Geelong, who stressed the importance of such efforts as the Geelong for Christ Campaign. The Latrobe-terr. minister (A. C. Caldicott) reports that the mission is now in full swing, and he asks for brotherhood prayer support.

In Victoria, during the month of May, the public appeal for the Freedom From Hunger Campaign is being pushed, through press, radio and television. Church members in the State are asked to note that the churches have their programme of 12 projects, valued at £50,000, apart from three State projects, valued at £300,000. It is essential that church raisings be sent through Inter-Church Aid channels, and that church folk then support the public appeal committee in their local area.

Missionaries of Sudan Interior Mission will stay on in that country "although severely hampered" by Sudan's Missionary Societies Act of 1962, according to a report published by the organisation headquarters in New York. "... The door in Sudan seems nearly shut, but not quite. There are still opportunities, and as long as they exist we will continue, by God's grace, to represent him there," the report said, adding, "We believe our people should stay in the Sudan, even though (their activities are) curtailed, to encourage and instruct the national church. We must pray and trust God to work out his will." Founded in 1893, the Sudan

Interior Mission is the world's largest interdenominational missionary society, with nearly 1,300 missionaries serving 10 African nations. The publication, Sudan Witness, said that under the Sudanese Act, Christian missionaries are forbidden public witness to Muslims, on pain of fine and/or imprisonment, and are severely hampered in pursuing many "conventional" missionary methods of evangelism.

Daylesford was the camp site for 40 young people from the Wattle Park (Vic.) church over the Easter season. Mr. and Mrs. Les McCredden acted as camp cooks and camp father and mother. Doug Denehy was study leader, with organiser George Kennedy, helped by David Andrew and Helen Murray, and an Entertainment Committee (Sue Trivett, John Stewart, Lionel Burke). At the Sunday evening service, when L. G. Crisp spoke on "The Resurrection", 8 young people responded to the invitation. This service was attended by 60, including some of the "local" boys in leather jackets and side levers, who joined in the singing. Young people from Dunolly, Northcote Farm School, Bacchus Marsh and Blackburn were guests of the group.

## Haddon Memorial Fund

Many of your readers will know of the outstanding contribution to the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ made by the late Principal A. L. Haddon. A native of Goulburn, N.S.W., A. L. Haddon entered Glen Iris College from City Temple, Sydney. He had a notable academic career, both at Glen Iris and at Melbourne University. He ministered in Victoria, and was first minister at Bambra-rd. church, Caulfield. Later he served as Youth Director for New South Wales. In 1927, he came to New Zealand to found and lead the Bible College of our Churches. Here he served for 35 years, until his death in Dec., 1961. He gave 24 years of fine service as Editor of the New Zealand Christian. As a scholar and church leader he won wide recognition throughout N.Z., and in our Australian and American brotherhoods. He was a convinced and vigorous champion of the cause of Christian unity and was a pioneer in the N.Z. ecumenical field.

The Committee of the Glen Leith Bible College planned to establish a Fund to honor his name by furthering the work to which he devoted so

much. This proposal has the endorsement of the New Zealand Conference. The Fund should be at least £1,500, and interest from it will be devoted to an annual inscribed book grant to students. It is also hoped that some of the interest will accumulate to form a fund from which assistance will be given to students planning advanced study, or alternatively provision will be made for a visiting lecturer to give a series of lectures at the College.

We thought that your readers would appreciate the opportunity of sharing in the setting up of this Fund. Thank you for assisting us in making this project known.—G. D. Munro, Bible College, Glen Leith, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Note.—Australian gifts, marked for the Haddon Memorial Fund, may be sent to E. A. Jones, Elm-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6, Vic., who will act as agent for the N.Z. sponsors.

## Murray Valley Easter Camp

Sixty-seven young people and nine leaders gathered at the camping site in Deakin-ave., Mildura, for the seventeenth annual Youth Camp. Mrs. Benam, who was camp cook for the first sixteen Youth Camps, and for every other camp held in the district, was not with us, due to ill health and prior commitments. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Waters were in the kitchen and fed us very ably. Each of the leaders worked in well as a team.

The highlight of Camp was the fact that we had three visiting leaders from Melbourne to assist us: V. Longthorpe (in charge of the programme), I. Flanders (top-ranking social leader and song-leader), and Dr. N. Trezise (assisting in general organising). A. Cant (minister, Mildura) was with us for the first time, and added his wide experience in youth work. Uncle Arthur Mac was on the job as always. This district owes a great deal to this talented young man.

The programme was very full and the time went quickly as we studied, shared devotional times, sang, and frolicked together. The bus tours each afternoon introduced the visitors to Sunraysia, and allowed them to obtain some idea of why this area is such an attractive tourist spot.

A number of camps are conducted each year now at the New Camp Site. Details of the camps are available from V. Longthorpe, at the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education, or by writing direct to A. McWilliams, 1 Blair-court, Mildura. —S. K. Bannan, Camp Director.





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Fallen Asleep

Mrs. M. Baker, Hartwell, Vic.

F. O. Irwin, Townsville, Qld.

Mrs. B. O. Hinrichsen, Mt. Walker, Qld.

## Discipleship

Garry Hall, Laurel Tuckwell, Jennifer Reed, Lynette Wills, Lindsay Tonkin, Elizabeth Beekenkamp, Nailsworth, S.A.

Ian Slater, North Williamstown, Vic.  
C. Waldron, Roma, Qld.

Gwen Edwards, Lyn. Bourke, Delma Erfurth, Beverley Auchttl, Denise Graham, John Stewart, Lionel Burke, Wattle Park, Vic.

Ron Osborne, Queenstown, S.A.

Mr. Clymer, snr., N.S.W.

Helen and Vida Huntley, Ray David, Richmond, Vic.

Graeme McArthur, Shepparton, Vic.  
Mrs. Collings, Glen Waverley, Vic.

## Membership

Wesley Fittell, Gympie to Albion, Qld.

Mrs. A. Webber, Roma, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. Bristow, Beulah-rd., S.A.

Mrs. Massey, to Caulfield, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Dabb, from Caulfield; Mrs. Green, from Hawthorn; Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, from East Burwood; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill, from Croydon; Miss K. Douglas, from Chadstone; Mr. and Mrs. L. T aylour, Mrs. T aylour, snr., from Bentleigh, to Glen Waverley, Vic.

Mrs. Dennis, from St. Kilda, Mrs. Morris, from Camberwell, to Surrey Hills, Vic.

## Marriage

Lola Hartley to Norman Henderson, Hartwell, Vic.

Rhonda Guyatt to Ray Waldron, Roma, Qld.

Winsome Hawkes, Portland, Vic., to Dean Dinning, Wampony, S.A.

Rosemary Bishop, Mundulla, to Lance Hunt, Wampony, S.A.

Lorraine Wilson to Trevor Dix, Beulah-rd., S.A.

Josephine Morrison to Robert Blackwell, Doncaster, Vic.

Miss P. Milgate to J. Pitt, Burwood, N.S.W.

Glenys Fallon, W.A., to Kevin Simpson, Ivanhoe, Vic.

## QUEENSLAND

Albion (M. H. A. Pieper). — Successful cricketers' tea, Apr. 7, when members and friends of undefeated B.3 team celebrated premiership win; trophies presented to B. Sharpe, J. Back, N. Kickbusch and Kent Dredge. Cricketers' parade held at gospel service; 104 present. Y.P. attended Easter Youth Camp at Caloundra and reported time of spiritual blessing. One confession of faith and one reconsecration recorded in Albion group. On 21st, several Y.P. brought testimonies at gospel service concerning camp experiences. Boys' Brigade has recommenced. Life Boys' team ably led by Alan Dunn and Wesley Fittell.

Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay (D. G. Nelson). — Speakers during minister's holidays included Mr. Smith (O.A.C.) and J. Fowler (B.&F.B.S.). Scholars of Adelaide-st. and Baddow B.S. entered Bible reading and coloring competitions, conducted by B. and F.B.S. for all schools in Maryborough, as part of Bible Week. School social evening to further parent-teacher-scholar relationship successful. On Apr. 25, C.Y.F. planned to climb Bauple Mountain and hold Anzac service. This was changed by rainy weather and salmagundi programme was held in Baddow Hall, followed by service and lunch. Recovering from recent illnesses are Mrs. Delehten, snr., and R. Evans. Many visitors welcomed over Easter, mainly due to Qld. Elsteddfof. Hervey Bay farewell Mrs. Bauenfend and son (Arthur), who have left district.

Roma (B. M. Nowitzke). — Church in good heart, meetings well attended. Youth Club av. 30. Monthly youth teas and special gospel service commenced. Two received into fellowship. P. Clow appointed B.S. supt. Fellowship with visitors enjoyed over Easter weekend. Minister took part in local Anzac Day functions.

Gympie (H. E. Jones). — Church members conducted meetings during minister's vacation. Interior of manse has been painted. Church held Missionary Rally, Apr. 27, at which speaker was H. Elvery (Gospel Recordings). Mr. Elvery also spoke at Sunday morning service. Evening service was conducted by Y.P.C.E., with song-

leader, service leader, readers, items and message (in 3 parts, by 3 persons) all taken by C.E. members.

Townsville (R. N. Gilmore). — Attendances maintained; varied church programme in full swing. Minister attended State Conference. C.W.F. has held successful hostess afternoon, "bake and tell" morning, and Tupperware function. Y.P.C.E. held car trial and barbecue. Church family Easter camp held at Magnetic Island, with 30 campers, led by minister and C. Perkins (Charters Towers). Church picnic held on Anzac Day at Mount Spec, when nearly 40 members and friends had happy fellowship. B.S. participating in State-wide efficiency campaign. Parent-teacher evening planned. Church grieves loss of O. Irwin, and expresses sympathy to his wife and family. Fellowship enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Salzman (Toowoomba), on temporary transfer. New Organ Fund well established. Messrs. Hammond and Brumby conducted services while minister on holiday.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — Addresses and slides shown by D. Ealling (New Hebrides) have inspired and encouraged church in Mission work. During minister's illness, elders and deacons have given helpful addresses and church expresses thanks. Those elected at recent business meeting were: elders: H. Barnett, R. Morris; deacons: J. Bumstead (sec.) A. R. McNeil (treas.), R. Dawson (B.S. supt.), F. Steadman. New organ proving very helpful in creating reverent atmosphere for services. Building of education block progressing slowly. Man made good confession on 21st.

Hornsby (R. Hillford). — Y.P.S.C.E. and I.C.E. attended Epping church C.E. missionary rally, Apr. 21. C.W.F. attended Naraween's C.W.F. anniversary. 23rd annual meeting of C.W.F. held 24th and those elected were: Mrs. Bartholomew (pres.), Mrs. Hillford (vice-pres.), Mrs. McDonald (sec.), Mrs. Morton (treas.), Mrs. Newton (pianist). C.W.F. conducted well supported progressive supper on 27th. D. Bentley conducted Y.P. service on evening of 28th, assisted by number of Y.P.; minister gave closing address.

Bexley North (E. T. Hart). — Church celebrated 32nd anniversary, at which former minister, J. G. Shaw, and Mrs. Shaw, were special guests for weekend. £2,000 is now being raised for hospital building in New Hebrides.

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), B.Sc., Dip.Ed.). — Youth Fel-



lowship tea followed by splendid youth service, Apr. 7. Minister was assisted in service by Mr. Hayward and D. Smallbone. Boys' Brigade Easter Camp held at Colo River. "Easter to Pentecost" Bible Reading Campaign successfully launched. Combined service on Good Friday held in Burwood Congregational building. Visitors on 21st were Mr. and Mrs. Parr Armstrong (U.S.A.), Mr. Armstrong preaching at morning service. "Cottage meetings," in connection with Adult Christian Education, were held in homes of Mr. and Mrs. Long and Mr. and Mrs. Small, 24th. Mr. Hayward was preacher on 28th.

Gulgandra (N. Flint). — Church held picnic Easter Monday at Devil's Hole. A meeting was held there at night, in which Y.P. took part. Many visitors welcomed over Easter. Mr. Paynter spoke on Easter Sunday. Church outing held at Warrumbungle Mountains, Anzac Day.

Albury - Wodonga - Lavington (D. Oldfield - P. Kavanagh). — Combined gospel service Apr. 28, followed tea tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Winch, on eve of departure to New Hebrides. Girl recently baptised.

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). — Many visitors during Easter period, including former members from interstate. Combined monthly midweek meetings with Baptists continue. 13 members of G.L.B. recently made decisions for Christ at mission conducted by O.A.C. evangelist, J. Duffey. G.L.B. Cadets grown from 5 to 13 this year. Mrs. Rich, oldest member (92), returned to morning services after lengthy stay in Gosford district.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Beulah - rd. (R. Clymer). — Easter choral service held. Ninety people attended Good Friday service. Baptismal service Easter Sunday. Mr. Braddock gave travel talk and showed slides at after-church fellowship. Mr. Ellison told of Mission work in Arnhem Land at "teen tea", followed by youth service taken by older scholars, when B.S. scholar made her decision for Christ. C.W.F. had devotions and sewing meeting in Botanical Gardens. Devotions by Mrs. R. Molloy; colored slides shown at Easter service. Interesting travel talk by Mrs. L. Braddock. Church enjoyed company of Mr. and Mrs. Clymer, snr., N.S.W.

Brooklyn Park (J. W. Lewis). — Church engaged in virile programme under minister's leadership. Midweek fellowship well attended, with much interest shown in discussions of varying nature. Men, with many non-members, finding increased fellowship in working together voluntarily on new Christian Education Block, now almost completed, with saving of many thousands of pounds through

services of most members of church. Sunday services well attended. Ladies have worked for, and completely paid for, equipping of fine kitchen in hall. Girls' and Junior Girls' clubs growing in numbers, with fine leadership by Mrs. Parry and Miss R. Wendt.

Maylands (D. Hammer). — C.Y.F. visited Kadina for weekend of fellowship. Young men of C.Y.F. attended Men's Fellowship at their invitation. C.W.F. at home well attended, Miss Messent being guest speaker. In a simple service, two newly appointed elders were accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Parr Armstrong (U.S.A.) conducted Wednesday evening service, which was greatly enjoyed by all; they also showed interesting colored slides. Combined Good Friday service well attended. Special Easter singing of Stainer's, The Crucifixion, was presented by choir.

Nallsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.). — Easter services, especially Good Friday, well attended. Attendances generally excellent; last reported averages were: a.m., 144; p.m., 135. Series of studies in Book of Revelation, prepared by H. G. and A. M. Norris, is attracting large attendances at midweek meetings. Four decisions Apr. 21. Special course of instruction on The Way of Salvation has been conducted in B.S. Church choir, with Mrs. Nesta Schulz as conductress, contributes helpful music at gospel services.

Owen - Long Plains (C. S. Badcock). — Quarterly combined service held at Owen, Mar. 31, preceded by youth tea and followed with fellowship hour; E. P. C. Holland guest speaker. Long Plains B.S. anniversary tea and variety evening, Apr. 5, followed by services on 7th with I. J. Chivell guest speaker. B.&F.B.S. representative at Owen on 7th at p.m. combined service with Methodists. Owen Ladies' Guild visited Kate Cocks' Babies' Home, and had picnic lunch on beach at Brighton. Owen Y.P.S.C.E. conducted communion service, Thursday evening preceding Easter. Long Plains held service Good Friday morning. Representatives from both churches attended Good Friday services at Balaklava, arranged by Northern Districts Conference. C.M.S. held successful evening at Long Plains; speaker, L. Hughes, State Manager for Ansvor Insurance. Owen ladies making special effort in May for Freedom from Hunger Campaign, commencing with Guild birthday meeting on 1st, at which a representative from Inter-Church Aid was guest speaker. S. Beck, State Conf. Pres., visited both churches, Apr. 28.

Semaphore (D. K. Thoday). — Attendances well maintained during past month. Three confessions of faith and 2 baptisms during last 3 weeks. C.Y.F. commenced in Mar., maintaining interest and attendance. Instructive talks at C.M.S. monthly meetings. Church represented at Administrative

Camp at Longwood. 34 Y.P. attended C.Y.F. rally at Murray Bridge.

Wamboony (R. R. Brand). — B.S. anniversary Apr. 21; Kinder. gave several items, dressed to represent varied nationalities. Speaker was D. R. Oakes. Number stayed for evening meal. Good attendances at all meetings. Church about to commence budget system.

## VICTORIA

Bayswater (H. S. Prime). — C.Y.F., Sis. Adkins and minister as study leaders, involved in Eastern District Camp at Frankston. Y.P. joined with St. Kilda C.Y.F. in sports and barbecue night. C.M.S. conducted day's outing for boys from Salvation Army Home. Junior Good Companions held gymnasium and fancy dress night, and seniors visited St. Paul's Cathedral for tour of inspection. C.M.S. enjoyed inspection tour of Volkswagen factory. C.W.F., together with members of The Patch and Emerald groups, visited Emmaus Rest Home, Apr. 9. Girl has accepted Christ as Saviour.

Hartwell (G. A. Whiting, B.A., M.R.E., Ed.D.). — Church welcomed Miss V. Morrison on return after long absence overseas. Attendances at services during month well maintained. Speakers on 28th, while minister at Warragul anniversary, a.m., Dr. D. Mansell; p.m., J. Wise (C.O.B.). Guest soloists, Mrs. W. Baker, Messrs. H. Smith, C. Baker, L. Williams. Sympathy of church expressed to Baker family in death of aged mother.

Malvern (A. B. Clark). — F. E. Buckingham concluded successful three months' interim ministry Apr. 28. During that time attendance materially increased; a new spirit of expectancy at coming of A. B. Clark. Averages for Apr.: 73 B.B., 51 p.m. B.S. has onward and progressive vision. It has been decided to re-organise into four depts., with a leader in charge of each and a general supt. over all. Much prayer and preparation in organisation. Mr. and Mrs. A. Plews have been conducting canvass of district, and obtained 13 new scholars in past month. Attendance on 28th was 45, record for some years. Gospel in song and music rendered by T. W. Beason, S. Strother, Mrs. Iris Beveridge, Jean Milne. At recent meeting of C.M.S., A. Baynton spoke on Jindivik Aircraft, illustrated by film. One rededication, 28th.

Oakleigh (E. J. Miles). — Y.P.C.E. conducted 3 services at Castlemaine. Many thanks to all concerned for making trip possible. Youth choir sang Easter hymns, Apr. 7; lighting effects controlled by Mr. Randall. One confessed faith in Christ, 2 rededications. Good Friday 7.30 a.m. speaker was P. Perry (Chadstone) Y.C. assisted service. Baptismal service preceded



gospel meeting, 14th. Youth choir sang resurrection hymns and K. Briggs gave organ recital.

**Doncaster (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).** — Following conclusion of his presidential year, minister resumed normal pulpit duties, Good Friday, with chapel well filled for special service. Meetings well attended. Good Companions equal 3rd in G.C. swimming sports, Apr. 19. Men's Fellowship and Explorers combined for visit to police H.Q. on 26th. Ladies' sewing nights re-commenced. Church's Centenary plans being finalised. On Apr. 7, church enjoyed a.m. address by H. Parr Armstrong, and at night honored H. E. R. Steele for interim ministry. Miss E. Ashwood missed from services following accident while on holidays.

**Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).** — Church has come into wonderful blessing through Willis-Feary Crusade. Chapel comfortably filled both services, Apr. 28. Married lady and daughter made decision. Soloists for evening were Miss Heather Coad and Max Murray. Church regrets departure to S.A. of Mr. and Mrs. Des. Feary (song-leader). The couple were made suitable presentations at the Crusade meeting. 22 present at C.W.F. meeting, when Miss Lesley De Graffe showed pictures of her overseas trip. T. Henderson welcomed back into fellowship after surgery.

**Croydon (W. J. Thomson).** — Baptismal service held Apr. 14. C.M.S. conducted combined spiritual rally, 19th, when speakers were L. Dewberry (Box Hill) and R. Amos (Blackburn). On 23rd, C.W.F. held a "plate" afternoon. Members have undertaken to clothe an Aboriginal girl. Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. F. Williams, Mrs. G. Floyd home after hospitalisation. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Hills in loss of brother. Mr. Holloway (B. & F. B. S.) speaker at a.m. service, 28th. Combined groups of the Women's Fellowships held special Harvest Thanksgiving service, p.m. 28th.

**Glen Waverley (R. W. Marshall).** — More families welcomed into fellowship, membership now over 160. Church providing each family with copy of *Missionary News*. Future building programme discussed by church at special meeting; Building Fund now £750. All auxiliaries functioning well. Gordon Smith leader of Explorers. 2 out of 4 tennis teams in finals; 1 premiers. Record number of 131 communicants.

**Ivanhoe (H. W. Street).** — Billy Graham color film, Jerusalem, screened to large audience, Apr. 21. C.W.F. visited Taubman's paints on 18th, proceeds being devoted to missionary funds. Special 12 weeks' seminar has concluded, those participating feeling enriched by discussion and fellowship within group especially selected from church members. B.S. well represented at Anzac Day conference at Northcote. Many Y.P. from church at

tended camps at Easter. 1096 Club (Y.P.) conducted own special camp at Hall's Gap.

**Maldstone (D. A. Thomas).** — Good attendances at services. B.S. also showing increase, with 220 scholars in attendance. Gospel invitation accepted by teenage boy. Combined Good Friday service, led by minister, held at local Baptist church. Church welcomed back Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Stuart and Kerry (former members) to fellowship. Evening services at Emmaus Rest Home conducted by H. Pietzsch and A. Westaway. C.Y.F. farewelled Yvonne Styants, gone to Sydney. Girls opened basketball season well with 3 wins, each team winning its match. Monthly youth tea held Apr. 28, when F. Combridge was speaker. Mr. Combridge also screened slides of Social Service Dept's work at after-church fellowship.

**Mildura (A. F. Cant, B.Ed.).** — Many visitors shared in Easter services. Murray Valley youth campers led evening Easter service, R. V. Longthorpe giving address. Minister led monthly service at Buronga that night. Present C.Y.F. graduating to new Young Adult group and a further group of young teenagers will make up new C.Y.F. B.S. contributed over £100 during last 4 years towards supporting Aborigine boy at Carnarvon. School also to support New Guinea girl, commencing this year. Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Benham progressing satisfactorily after sickness.

**Shepparton (D. B. McIntosh).** — C.W.E.F. held car rally and barbecue. Time of fellowship was enjoyed and proceeds went to Food For Hunger campaign fund. Miss E. Clydesdale has relinquished position of agent for Goodly Pearls after 15 years of faithful service. Good Companions report increase in membership, and spend happy and profitable times under leadership of Mrs. Smedley. Mrs. Wittick has undertaken leadership of Good Companions at Mooropna church and has active group there. Some members journeyed to Northcote to attend Christian Education Conference, whilst others participated in Anzac Day service at Shepparton Memorial. Several members attended North Eastern and Riverina and District Conference at Wangaratta, 27th. B.S. boy baptised into Christ p.m. 28th, was later received into fellowship of church and then partook of communion for first time, together with his family. There was an excellent attendance to witness these ordinances.

**Surrey Hills (R. A. Ryall).** — Combined service held Good Friday with local Methodist and Congregational Churches. C.Y.F. held Easter camp at Hepburn Springs, under leadership of minister and B. Dowsett. Prenchers Easter Sunday were P. A. Williams and W. J. A. Smith, P.S.A. held 28th included organ recitals by Mrs. P. Wing Tang, and singing by

Y.M.C.A. Meistersingers choir. C.M.S. held successful car trial, 27th. Boys and leaders of Explorer club led and shared evening service, 28th. Officers elected at recent meeting include Board chairman, M. Carr; sec., L. Ramsbottom; asst.-sec., G. Wilson; treas., C. E. Mott; asst.-treas., H. Gilmour.

**Stawell (C. A. R. Smith).** — Attendances well maintained over past weeks. Well attended B.S. picnic in church camp at Hall's Gap, Apr. 6. Ladies' meetings have average of 12. Stawell well represented at N.W. Conference held at Brim on Anzac Day. Special film service held 28th.

**Caufield (F. A. Youens).** — Excellent rendition of cantata, *Olivet to Calvary*, by choir, under leadership of J. Machin. Soloists were Mrs. D. Brookes, Miss J. Milne, Mr. Jones. Meetings well attended, with av. of 160 a.m., 104 p.m. during month. Y.P.F. fortnightly meeting held at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lees. Programme was arranged by J. Youens. Lady welcomed into fellowship. Prayer meeting attendances averaging 25.

**Geelong (A. C. Caldicott).** — Pre-mission Sunday took form of Anzac commemoration service, when married couple decided for Christ. Evening service was taken by team from Melbourne, highlight being testimony of Robert Coles (of G. J. Coles stores). 170 a.m. and 160 p.m.

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## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"  
of May 8, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

**Anniversaries.** — The Austral Company is celebrating the twenty-first year of its existence as a publishing house. The Australian Christian itself is 16 years' old, and the present Editor, F. G. Dunn, estimates that during his six years on the A.C., coupled with his editorial work on the earlier publications, the Christian Watchman and the Australian Christian Standard (13 years with these two papers), he has written between six and seven hundred leading articles . . . Perhaps the most notable event in the history of the Austral in recent years was the purchase (at a cost of a little over £2,000) of the premises now occupied by the Company in Elizabeth-st.

**Report From India.** — The last monthly report to the F.M. Committee from Mr. Watson in India shows that during the month he had held 10 meetings on Lord's days, 71 on weekdays, and given 109 addresses. He had had 42 patients in the medical work, who had received 153 treatments. Two had been added by baptism, and 32 Gospels had been sold.

**Glorious Crankum.** — The London Standard has heard that President



Wilson intends to run a teetotal White House, and thereupon in an editorial warns him against "gaining the fatal reputation of a crank." No man can be true to any noble ideal without being held a crank by those whose lives offend that ideal. . . . If President Wilson does this, he will be scorned as a crank by the liquor men, but will be hailed as a true Christian and a noble leader by the best men and women of the land.

**Items of Interest.** — F. T. Saunders was farewelled with largely increased attendances at North Sydney on Apr. 26 . . . Nth. Fitzroy, Vic., is making preparations to celebrate the church's 40th anniversary and the commencement of the 11th year of J. Baker's ministry by a tea and public meeting on May 21 . . . Two young men were baptised in the river at Wagga, N.S.W., on the afternoon of May 5, H. G. Harward conducting a short baptismal service . . . Lygon-st. church, Vic., reports over 400 present at the Bible School, including 183 of the Century Bible Class . . . The members at Murrumbidgee, Vic., have sold their building and secured a block of ground in a central position near Carnegie station, and aim to erect "a church in a day" on Empire Day.

#### ENGAGEMENT

**SMITH - SOUTH.** — Mr. and Mrs. C. H. South, 45 Robert-st., Sth. Tamworth, N.S.W., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Patricia Lois, to William George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith, Nth. Granville, N.S.W.

#### APPROACHING MARRIAGES

**BROOKES - DRILLING.** — The marriage of Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Brookes, Yarrow-st., Kaniva, Vic., with Dean Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Drilling, 8 Forest-ave., Black Forest, S.A., will be celebrated at Church of Christ, Kaniva, on Sat., May 18, at 3 p.m.

**EVERARD - SNOXALL.** — The marriage of Pamela Noelle, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Everard, 146 The Avenue, East Coburg, Vic., to Brian Charles, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Snoxall, formerly of Launceston, Tas., will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Church of England, Davies-st., Moreland, Vic., on Sat., May 18, 1963, at 1 p.m.

**JEPSEN - JACKEL.** — The marriage of Judah Ann Jepsen to Graeme C. Jackel will take place at Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic., Church of Christ, at 1 p.m., Sat., May 18. C. W. Jackel, officiating minister.

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**COLLINGWOOD (Vic.) CHURCH HOMECOMING DAY.** May 19, 10.55 a.m., speaker, A. Titter; 1 p.m., Luncheon; 2.45 p.m., Musical Afternoon, presented by the Churches of Christ Choral Society; 4.45 p.m., Tea; 7 p.m., speaker, R. V. Longthorp. Past members, make certain the secretary has your present address. (R. Warry, 118 Eassey-st., Collingwood).

**RICHMOND CHURCH (Vic.),** May 12. Two recently appointed elders will be inducted into office by Principal E. L. Williams, at the 11 a.m. service. Visitors welcome.

**ST. KILDA CHURCH (Vic.),** Pakington-st. All are welcome to the CHURCH ANNIVERSARY Special Services to be held on May 19, 1963. 11 a.m., Speaker, K. A. Jones; pres., J. Plummer; soloist, D. Cole; 7 p.m., Speaker, W. W. Saunders; soloist, Miss Jean Milne. Supper will be served after the evening service.

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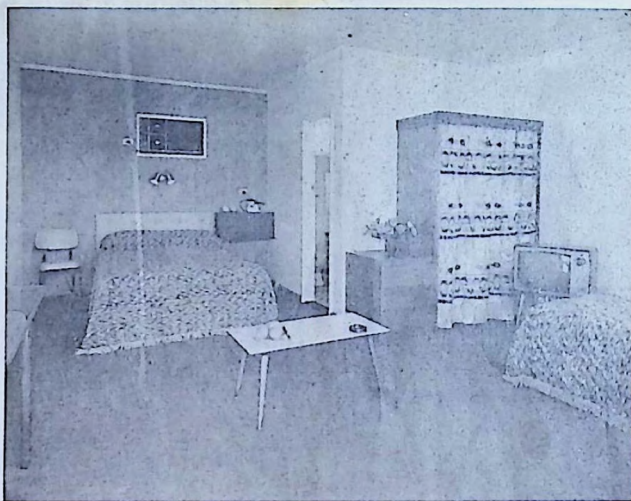
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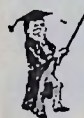
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