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## Sunraysia (Vic.) Conference

June 13-17, 1963.

Conference commenced with Women's Day on Thursday, beginning at 11 a.m. with a business session, then continuing after lunch together with a general meeting, addressed by Major Reeve, of the Salvation Army. The women's president, Mrs. M. Waters (Dareton), led the meetings very graciously.

The main business session was held on the Friday night at the home church of the president (P. Waters) and reports were heard from the five churches, the Youth Council, the Women's Conference, and Buronga Bible School. A President's Reception followed this gathering. Office-bearers elected at the meeting were: president, I. Milne (Red Cliffs) and secretary, A. Cant (Mildura).

On Saturday night the first inspirational meeting was held, with L. A. Trezise as guest speaker. His challenging messages were much appreciated. There were 150 present on Sunday afternoon for the Conference Sermon session; then the final rally was held on Monday night. This final meeting was led by the women's president, and during the meeting cheques were presented by the ladies to the Youth Council Camp Fund, Buronga Bible School and Overseas Missions.

Interest was added to the weekend by the presence of C. Adermann, Minister for Primary Industry, who addressed the morning worship at Mildura, then gave a very interesting talk at an after-church fellowship at night.

The Conference looks forward to a year of even better service and fellowship.—A. F. Cant, sec.

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A well attended meeting in the Gardiner (Vic.) chapel on Sunday, June 23, at 2.45 p.m., participated in a service of praise and gratitude to God for Ludbrook House, a home for missionaries and their families on fur-lough, which is now the fully-paid property of Christian Women's Fellowship, Victoria and Tasmania. This service was graciously led by Women's Conference President, Mrs. M. C. Morrison, assisted by song leader, V. Wolf, Miss Sheehan at the organ, Mrs. J. Turner (Convener, Ludbrook House Committee), duet by V. and M. Wolf, A. R. Haskell (President, General Conference), Mrs. E. Heard (returned missionary from India), A. B. Withers (Chairman, Victorian Overseas Dept.), and soloist, Mrs. D. Langford. Thanks were expressed to all for their help.

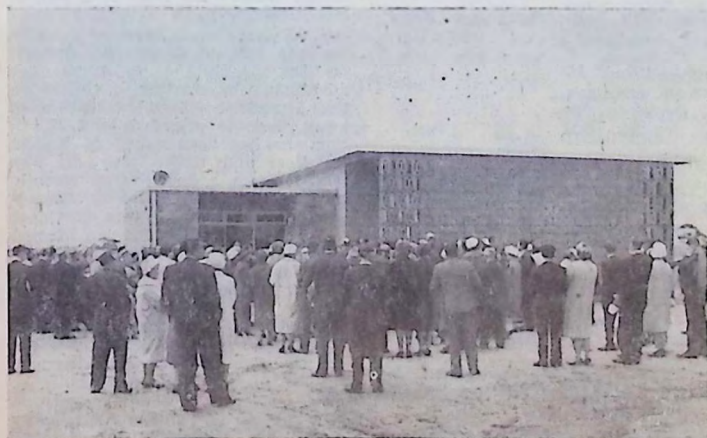
## Opening of Keith Hall S.A.

On Sunday, June 2, at 2.30 p.m., a crowd of about 280 saw the opening of Keith church hall by the President of the S.A. Conference, S. R. Beck. After H. Randell (sec.) had welcomed those present, K. Harkness (elder) thanked all those who contributed to the work at Keith and said that without the missionary enterprise of the circuit churches (Bordertown, Mundulla, Wamboony and Wolseley), the work at Keith would never have been commenced. E. L. Milne spoke on behalf of the building Committee and handed the key to Mr. Beck, who officially opened the building.

Two hundred and sixty people crowded the hall, kitchen, foyer, and the two classrooms for the afternoon

service, when Mr. Beck addressed the gathering. About two hundred remained to share fellowship around the tea table and attended the evening service, at which the minister (R. R. Brand) spoke. A feature of both meetings was the excellent choral work by the Circuit Youth Choir under the baton of B. Wills.

The building, which is easily visible from the main Adelaide-Melbourne highway, is the first step in a master plan which will adequately cater for the needs of the district for many years to come. After holding meetings in the R.S.L. Hall for nearly five years the members thank God for this building, which will make their work and worship so much more effective.



Scene during official opening of hall at Keith, S.A.





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## Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"  
of July 10, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

College of the Bible Report. — The  
College has just completed half a  
year's work. At the time of writing,  
teachers and students are enjoying  
their mid-winter vacation. From the  
time of resuming studies until the  
end of the College year will be a  
period of strenuous toll. We now  
have an enrolment of 49 students,  
with 20 engaged in regular weekend  
work. A faithful band conducts open-  
air services in Richmond on Saturday  
nights. A company of students are  
diligently at work in Burnley, which  
has become almost a College church  
or mission. The students appreciate  
the kindness of very many brethren  
and sisters who have forwarded cases  
of fruit and vegetables.—A. R. Main.

United Public Questions Demonstra-  
tion. — A most successful Public  
Questions Demonstration, arranged by  
the Home Missionary Committees of  
the Baptists and Churches of Christ,  
was held on Thursday evening, 3rd  
inst., at the Auditorium, Collins-st.,  
Melbourne. The building proved none  
too large for the occasion. Consider-  
able enthusiasm was shown by both  
bodies, and the fraternal feeling evi-  
denced was gratifying. The resolutions  
carried commit both bodies to a  
united warfare against common foes.  
Horace Kingsbury was chairman.

Federal Mission at Brisbane. — F. A.  
Bignall wires: "The end of our first  
week's mission has come and gone with  
six additions; the meetings have been  
growing in numbers and interest every  
night; Griffith in fine form despite  
heavy cold."

From Here and There.—A meet-  
ing was held at Chatswood, Sydney,  
on Tuesday, July 1, to discuss the  
advisability of starting a church in  
that important suburb. A number of  
local residents attended, and H. G.  
Harward has been asked to inspect  
the field and advise the best way  
to commence a cause. The recently  
organised Northern Suburbs Confer-  
ence is responsible for this movement  
... T. B. Fischer, of Foreign Mission  
fame, has had to undergo an opera-  
tion for appendicitis. He has had  
rather a bad time ... A. J. Saund-  
ers, of the University of Chicago,  
has just been appointed to important  
educational work at Madura, India.  
He will visit his parents in Sydney  
in July on his way to India ...  
South Australian building progress  
continues. A new chapel was recently  
opened at Semaphore. At Ungarra  
a new chapel will be opened in Aug-  
ust. Wallaroo has accepted a tender  
and will commence building at once.  
Tumby Bay has just started their  
new house of worship. Moonta will  
most probably build directly.

## - THE DEEP DARK STAIN -

There is a deep, dark stain upon the conscience of this white Australia. We are still uneasy about the manner in which our fathers exploited the original inhabitants of our country.

### OUR ERRORS - NOT GOD'S MISTAKES

Our uneasy conscience has produced some interesting, but wholly unsatisfactory, arguments to justify our sorry history. One of these contended that the aborigines were the most primitive of all races, from a material standpoint. They had nothing, no towns, no crops — so we could not take anything from them! We did take from them the right to live their own lives in their own land. Ignorance of their tribal customs is no excuse, but this ignorance led to coastal natives being pushed back to the hunting preserves of inland tribes, with savage reprisals by the latter.

Another argument was that the aborigines were living stone-age relics, or even pre-man, maybe like the koala and platypus, but not nearly so lovable. But the aborigines are not God's mistakes or sports of nature. They are persons with a right to life.

When we run out of illogical arguments, we often blame successive governors and governments for procrastination or worse. But people who blame democratically elected responsible governments are really indicting themselves. And if it is the slowness of authority that is called in question — Churches of Christ may well remind themselves that our own Aborigines Missions work is barely twenty-one years old, and was started only then because two Christian ladies, Miss Eadie and Miss Bentley, began a work that the rest of us were shamed into continuing.

The past, however, is not our concern. It is today's problems and today's answers that must command our attention. How can we give to the 100,000 residue of the old Australians the same hope for prosperity, security, and happiness which the new Australians are finding?

### THE MAGIC WORD

The magic word for today is "assimilation." The word means to "make alike." How can we make the aborigines like us? Not by destroying their culture — we do not do this with the new and we dare not do it with the old. There will always be a place for their arts and music and ancient skills; these can enrich us all. To assimilate the aborigine is not to destroy his identity. He must be helped to take pride in his race and culture.

Assimilation will mean that politically, socially, and economically the aborigines will become a part

of the broader life of the Australian community. Political assimilation does not mean only the right to vote. Such a right is useless unless it is expressed in meaningful citizenship. We must face realities and admit that many aborigines are not able to carry at present the full responsibilities of citizenship. Maybe this is because of our past failures to act as good guardians. But our concern should provoke us to hurry up our programme of education and training, even if we haven't the U.N. to put pressure upon us, as in New Guinea.

Economic assimilation will be attainable in a much shorter time if we have the will to develop the manual skills of the aborigines and guide them in marketing the products of their labor without exploitation.

Social assimilation may be the key to economic and political integration. We must be prepared to accept the aborigine as he is, while we assist him to become more acceptable. At present, there are too many prejudices on the one hand and too many undesirable habits on the other. There will be need for patience and understanding as educational, health, and other social programmes are being worked out.

### WITH GENTLE SPEED

But assimilation cannot be forced upon the aborigines. Forced assimilation can be as repugnant as enforced segregation. If aborigines prefer, as some undoubtedly will prefer, to retain some form of social segregation, ways must be found to let them follow, within reason, their own paths while the nation seeks to win them to the ideals of integration. We shall not win their co-operation easily if we fail to handle difficult situations with more delicacy than we have in the past. It may have been necessary in the national interest to give bauxite concessions to private firms in Cape York peninsula, but Native Reserve land was handed over without mentioning the aborigines or recognising their rights. With regard to the recent Lake Tyers (Vic.) controversy, it is difficult for the layman to decide whether the government is right or wrong in its proposal to close the station, but there is little doubt that the affair was badly handled and, taken in conjunction with many other such incidents, has added to distrust and apprehension.

There is a deep, dark, stain upon our conscience, but it is due to present neglect as much as to past offence. The present, however, may still be redeemed, and the Christian's responsibility is clear. We must translate our growing understanding and our good intentions into vigorous action on behalf of a people with promise.



# The Bible — Our Sure Guide

In John 14: 6, Jesus says: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

In 2 Tim. 1: 12, Paul says: "I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

A man entered a book store and asked the girl at the counter if she had a Bible for sale. After searching the shelves, she came back and said: "No, we haven't a Bible in stock, but I can show you something just as good."

Of course, the man was not satisfied. The girl was a good saleswoman, but she did not realise that there is nothing just as good as the Bible. The Bible has no substitute. It is unique.

The Bible is our sure guide —

## I. Because It Tells of Christ — the Final Authority on Life

So many people today are not sure about religion, or about the real meaning and purpose of life. They have no certain authority. Yet authority is important. The policeman on point duty is a practical example of this need of some sort of authority in maintaining reasonable law and order. And in religious matters, too, the question of authority is all important.

In the time of Jesus, the Jews were always trying to find out how and from where he received his authority to do the things he did — to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, raise the dead. Now we can easily discover this by turning to the Bible. In Matt. 28: 18, Jesus, the Risen Lord, gives his final commission to his disciples. He says: "All authority is given unto Me, in heaven and on earth . . ." All authority in religion belongs to Christ and to no other. And to find his authority for anything at all, we must turn to his Word. Jesus is seen clearly and intimately in the pages of the New Testament. This is where we may confidently seek and certainly find just what he said and exactly what he meant.

While he was on earth, in the three years of his ministry, he chose and trained his followers — James, John, Peter, Matthew. Then, after his resurrection, he committed to these men the task of giving to future generations, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the record of the gospel in writing. The New Testament represents this record — the authority of Christ.

Dr. A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

Of course, many people, though they have this word, do nothing about it. They listen to many voices and are never sure. Not so Paul, who says: "I know whom I have believed . . ."

But the Bible is our sure guide, also

## II. Because We Know God, the Giver of Life, Only Through the Christ of Scripture

What really is the Bible? What is its purpose? Why was it written? The Bible is really a library of 66 books. It is really God's Book, the Word of God — for that is how the "writers", or "penmen", who recorded the various books of the Bible, describe what they have written. It is unique in that it is the "Revelation" of God — the unfolding of his mind, his will, his purpose, to men. That is why we should read it — that we may know God's purpose for our lives.

If we would know God, we may see him dimly in the creation around about us. We may see him in the universe, in plant and animal life and in the wonders of nature. But if we would really know God — as a person — we must allow him to speak to us in and through his Word.

A revelation implies something or Somebody to be revealed — God. It also implies someone to whom the revelation is to be made — man. But it also suggests that there is some method, or some Person, through which, or through Whom, the revelation is made. This Person is Christ.

Men have always been conscious of the fact that the ordinary system of nature within which they live is not everything. Over against it there is another order of reality. But this other reality, this other world, this other life, cannot be known by men unless and until God, the Great Initiator, has made the first move. Thus God makes himself known. And religion is man's response, by faith, to this revelation. And this is what the Bible is all about.

God is Reality. But he cannot be known to us by means of our intellect or our senses, although these are used in assessing or weighing the evidence of his presence and power. God has shown himself in his Word, in the hope that men will respond to his revelation. Animals never arrive at religion, because they lack the ability to respond. Neither do philosophers nor men of science, as such, for the facts of religion stand apart from the natural order,

which is the normal province of philosophy and science, and can be known only when disclosed through revelation. When our ordinary human knowledge is pushed to its limit, we are still confronted with a closed door. The agnostic recognises this. Revelation explains the agnostic's impasse. God's voluntary unfolding of himself solves the agnostic's problem.

Of course, in every generation there have been those whose research on the plane of human achievement has "pushed back the flaming ramparts of the world" — Columbus, Newton, Kant, Einstein and the rest — but this is discovery. The microscope and the telescope do not reveal. They simply enlarge the normal range of discovery and increase the extent of our vision. But, in revelation, the Truth is actually disclosed, and this truth is of such a nature that, unaided, that is — without the intervention of God, we could not possibly know it.

Consequently, revealed truth is different from that which we already possess and could not be arrived at in any other way.

The Bible tells us that God's revelation of himself, through Israel, was unique. The Bible also is entirely free from the speculative questionings of other literatures, notably that of the Greeks. For instance, there is no proof at all in the Bible of the existence of God. The beliefs of the Hebrews, to whom God first made himself known, are not intellectual assumptions, which may or may not be true. God has spoken. They have heard his voice. They know him and have an intimate consciousness of his presence. Hence, throughout the Bible, the existence of God is taken for granted. There would be no Bible if he were not.

But the Bible is our sure guide, also

## III. Because the Christ of Scripture Is the Only Answer to Our Problems

For those sick — in body, mind, or spirit — Christ, the Great Physician, is able not only to diagnose the trouble but also to prescribe a permanent cure. Christ is the answer, for he alone can take away the pain and suffering of sin.

All our problems arise because of our sin. And the Bible throws light on this very point. God shows us, in his Word, that we are sinners in his sight. But he also shows us, equally clearly, our lack of relationship with him. In a state of rebellion, we have cut ourselves off from a loving Father. Our need is desperate.

We need Christ — for he alone, the beloved Son of the Father, through his sacrifice on the Cross, is able to bridge the great gulf that separates us from the Father.

"I am the Way", says Jesus. And we can be sure of this. That is why Paul is able to say so confidently: "I know whom I have believed . . ."

The Bible, then, is our sure guide, because it so plainly introduces us to Christ — who shows us God's love, takes away our sin, and brings us back to the Father.

God's revelation, which in the ultimate is through Jesus his Son, is supremely and pre-eminent redemption.

Some people regard the Bible as a difficult book, and in many ways this may be so. But it is plain and simple concerning the Way of Salvation. It makes plain to us the fact that there are really only two kinds of people in the world — those who respond to Christ, and those who reject him.

Under the very shadow of the cross, Pilate, Calaphas, Herod and

Judas had an opportunity to respond — but they did not. They rejected the Lord of Glory. They are lost — when they might have been saved. They can blame no one but themselves.

How different is the positive assurance of Paul:

"I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

# "LEARNING FOR LIVING"

During July a poster announcing Adult Christian Education and having as its theme the slogan which heads this article, is being displayed in churches around Australia. Last January a special conference of the Federal Board of Christian Education at Longwood, S.A., considered a planned approach to a programme of Christian education to include the adults of our churches. In this conference, representatives of State Departments of Christian Education drew up rough outlines for a series of nine leaflets. These leaflets draw attention to the need for adult Christian education in local churches. They also deal with various aspects of implementing adult Christian education.

## Learning for Christian Living

Adults must learn.

Fitting myself to be an active church member demands that I go on learning all my life.



The historian says of those added to the early church, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship . . ." This fellowship cannot be induced by group techniques, without reliance on the Holy Spirit. A large area of the Church is discovering how effectively the Holy Spirit can operate in the lives of people who are willing to share with others in face-to-face learning experiences.

Growing up to be a Christian citizen calls for learning.

Improvement in my occupation and my witness in it as a Christian requires learning.

## A brotherhood plan for Adult Christian Education.

Filling the various roles of adult life in home and society necessitates learning.

Christian living is the goal of adult education in the Church.

Paul states the objective of Christian education: "Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ."

How mature am I? Am I really increasingly able to cope with every situation I will meet through my entire lifetime? What I learned as a child is not sufficient for my maturing and my mastery of adult responsibilities.

Dr. Harry A. Overstreet defines the mature person thus: "A mature person is not one who has come to a certain level of achievement and stopped there. He is rather a 'maturing' person — one whose 'linkages with life' are constantly becoming stronger and richer because his attitudes are such as to encourage their growth rather than their stoppage."

## The Nine Leaflets

To provide incentive and offer guidance in planning, the Federal Board of Christian Education has published nine pamphlets. These will be made available by Departments to churches in the respective States.

Leaflets 1, 2 and 3 are designed for widespread distribution, reaching all adult members.

They are entitled: "Hey, There!", "What Adult Christian Education Does for You and the Church," "The Group and I."

Leaflets 4 to 8 are prepared for use by Christian education committees, officers' boards, and leaders. "Getting Started in the Local Church," leaflet number 4, discusses various stages in setting up adult Christian education.

No. 5, "Leadership in Groups," presents the picture of the good leader and the distribution of leadership functions in group work.

Methods in group work is the subject of No. 6, "At Work in Groups."



Some patterns for adult programmes are given in leaflet No. 7, "It Works This Way."

"What Can We Study?", No. 8, is a comprehensive catalogue of materials currently available and projected.

Leaflet No. 9, "For the Minister," points out the role of a minister in establishing and maintaining the programme in the local church.

## Adults CAN Learn!

A great-grandmother, appearing on a popular T.V. programme, told of her thrill in piloting a jet plane and the added thrill of breaking the sound barrier. She said she began taking flying lessons at the age of sixty-four. She may be an amazing exception to most great-grandmothers, but she

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### Missionary Roundup

#### LOSSES IN NEW GUINEA.

A new 18 h.p. out-board motor was unfortunately lost recently in New Guinea. Some minor repairs had been carried out, and the motor was taken on a trial run, when it jumped off the dinghy into the Ramu River before anyone realised what had happened. Although a lot of time was spent dragging with grapnels, the motor was not found. The loss of the motor is hampering communications and Infant Welfare work in New Guinea.

Another loss is the sinking of the Mission launch. The cause of it sinking has not yet been determined, but according to the report it sunk at its mooring. An effort is being made to refloat the launch, which is now on its side, and filled with silt. The damage will not be known until the launch has been refloated.

In New Guinea, where there are so many hazards, losses such as these are inevitable, although every care is taken to safeguard Mission property.

#### VISITING NEW HEBRIDES.

G. Mathieson and R. McLean (Federal Overseas Mission Secretary) leave for the New Hebrides on July 24 from Sydney. Mr. Mathieson, a graduate of the College of the Bible and a pharmacist, is going to the islands at his own expense. He will stay in the New Hebrides for several months, and will assist our medical missionaries. The purpose of Mr. McLean's

is also a living demonstration that adults can learn.

Adults can learn in the Church. The study discussion method underlines the fact that "effective learning consists of more than a pursuit of knowledge. To be adequate, learning experiences must effect some change in persons. Changes in attitudes, understanding, appreciation, and personal behaviour are more likely to occur when the learner participates in the learning experiences.

"To be Christian, education must take place in a Christian community or a redemptive fellowship. The quality of that community's life determines the character of the nurture that it provides. By learning in a Christian fellowship, adults are not merely taught the Christian faith. They have an opportunity to experience the relevance of their faith in their relationships with other adult Christians."

visit is to assist the missionaries in planning for the future, to contact our Island Christians, and to become acquainted with recent developments. Time will be spent in Vila so that there will be the opportunity to have discussions with Government officials. Visits by the Federal Secretary in times past to the New Hebrides have not been a drain on Mission funds, as our Island brethren have met expenses involved. They appreciate such a visit, as it gives them an opportunity to express their thoughts to the Board. When A. Anderson visited the New Hebrides in 1959, a deputation led by Pastor Abel Bani came with the request that a doctor be sent to the New Hebrides. Their request was given serious consideration, and the result has been the sending out of a doctor and three nurses, and intensive build-up of the medical work.

#### PEARL ANDERSON.

Letters have been received after many years of silence, from Pearl Anderson in China. While the letters do not convey much information, it can be reported that Pearl is well. A sum of £25 was sent to Pearl, which reached her safely, and this was followed by another £20 in May, 1963. These amounts were sent from the Pearl Anderson Trust Fund.

### THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



#### Camping for Women

Mrs. L. Glencle, Victoria.

Are you jaded? Frustrated? Your Christian life in the doldrums? Feeling spiritually low? Then you, my Christian friend, need to go camping. Yes, you read it correctly — CAMPING. I can hear you say, "I've been camping but it didn't do much for my spiritual life." Ah! yes, but this is camping with a difference. Have you ever been to a camp with other women — no men, no children, just women? Women from widely scattered areas, perhaps women with varying personalities and backgrounds, women with different ideas and opinions, but women with one thing in common — a simple love of Christ and all he represents.

#### JOHN BAIRAGI.

Mr. Bairagi has successfully completed his first year at the Nagpur University, where he is studying for his M.A. degree. There are 44,000 students connected with this University, distributed in various colleges affiliated to the University. Mr. Bairagi says that nothing is being done for this large number of non-Christian students. He is distributing the New Testament in modern English, and supplying copies from his tithe money. He invites us to share in this work by sending New Testaments in modern English.

#### "MISSIONARY NEWS."

New subscriptions are still being received for the new bi-monthly missionary magazine, Missionary News. The August-September issue will feature the work in New Guinea, and projects that will assist our missionary outreach will be listed.

#### DISCIPLESHIP CLASS, NEW GUINEA.

It may not be long before we hear of the first decisions for Christ in New Guinea. A number of enquirers have been attending a discipleship class, and we pray that, as they are instructed in the way of salvation, many will yield their lives to Christ and be born again. When this happens, their witness will surely mean that other precious souls will be won. Let us pray for a great ingathering of souls. In 1913, we rejoiced over 230 baptisms in the New Hebrides, when the Island people began to turn from heathendom to Christ. Pray that the Spirit of the Lord will move in New Guinea, convicting people of sin and their need of a Saviour.

Those to whom camping has become a must each year will stop reading now, I know, while hosts of happy memories of last year's camp come crowding in. If you are one who has not yet experienced camping and all its joys, keep reading, and by the time you reach the end of this article you will be inspired to try to attend the next camp in your locality, or perhaps even try to organise one yourself. I hope so.

For fellowship, fun, relaxation, renewal — spirit, mind and body — there is nothing to equal a camp. These fellowships can fill a real need today, giving as they do a complete break from our daily routine — a time of retreat away from rush and bustle, tensions and trials, where



through fellowship with friends we find a deeper fellowship with Christ.

I couldn't leave my family for a weekend, you say? You could, you know. No one denies that it means hard work and organising, meals and clothing, but it's worthwhile. You trust God, don't you? Therefore commit your loved ones to his care, and join your friends with an easy mind and contented heart.

The blessing you receive will enrich your life. You'll have more, spiritually, to give your family, which will more than compensate them for being without your physical presence.

Everyone who goes to camp once, goes again. This is not fiction, not wishful thinking, but fact — proved by the increased attendance at our camps everywhere each year.

After chatting to various friends to see what had impressed them most about camps they had attended, I realised, by the variety of answers, that camp has something for everyone.

Let us consider for a few minutes the benefits you will receive from camp. That lovely hymn, "Meet Him in the Morning", really comes to life when in the early morning, while birds sing outside, before anything else intrudes on our minds, our thoughts are centred on Christ. Undoubtedly, the times of devotion set the tone of the camp.

Think for a moment of the amount of real Bible study you have done in the last few months. It's easy to let things slide, isn't it? It can happen to all of us. Being human, with so many imperfections, we often need a stimulus to help in our Christian walk, even though our love for Christ is ever constant.

The studies at camp provide that stimulus, taking you forward eagerly, joyously. They can enthuse you, so that you will want to do something extra for the One who loves you so dearly.

A friend of mine once remarked, "Camp just comes in time each year when my feet begin to falter. I am inspired at camp and go back with renewed vigour to cope with everything."

You will find in the discussions that you lose your shyness. Those there have the same problem, also. You chat about your children, your homes, and before you know what has happened you are giving your ideas on the subject under discussion. It is in this sharing of experiences that the Bible becomes more real.

A highlight of the camp is always the communion service. Christ is there in the midst. The wonderful world God created is very close. No organ music is needed to provide an atmosphere. We are very conscious that we indeed serve a living Christ.

On a really practical level, isn't it pleasant, being women, to sit down to a meal someone else has cooked? Just to sit right through a meal without having to get up once. A little thing, you say, compared with what else goes on at camp; yes, I agree, but it is relaxing, and we all need to relax sometimes if we are to function successfully. Can a tired housewife be active in her community? Does a nervy mother set an example of Christian tolerance? Christ wants a happy, contented person serving him.

You've been trying to interest someone in the gospel for Christ, but have not met with much success? If this is the case, might I suggest that you invite them to go to the next camp? In these different surroundings, the person whom you are trying to win could have their interest aroused, and go with you to church, and eventually accept Christ as their personal Saviour. This has been the experience of women in our fellowships.

As in all things, you will receive nothing from camp, unless you give, and Christ must be pre-eminent. It is fine to meet old friends, it is exciting to make new friends, but it is absolute joy to have real fellowship with Christ our friend. This above all is the aim of camping for women.

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## Willis-Gadge Mission

The mission conducted at East Geelong, Vic., by the church at Latrobe-terr., with Doug. Willis as evangelist, and Claude Gadge as associate evangelist, concluded successfully June 16. Soaking rain and cold hampered efforts for five of the nearly seven weeks of the campaign. Members responded enthusiastically and seldom was there a poorly attended session. Mr. Willis gave forthright New Testament doctrine and won the respect of hearers. Delegations came in large numbers from Ballarat, along with their many musical contributions. Other delegations, apart from sister churches in Geelong, came from Maryborough, Wangaratta, Horsham, Footscray, Ormond, Noble Park, Prahran, Maldstone, Balwyn; also many individual visitors. The thankoffering now stands at £800. There were 26 first decisions and 27 responded to the call for a deeper spiritual life (reconsecrations). A morning church service has now commenced in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis at East Geelong, whilst at the Terrace, Messrs. Willis and Gadge will continue each Sunday night as a gospel team until mid-August.—Arnold C. Caldwell.

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## QUESTING

A. E. White.

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Could Bible reading in all State schools, including universities, be increased through Act of Parliament from half-hour per week to half-hour per day?

It is assumed that "Bible reading" refers to the half-hour period of religious instruction permitted in State schools. The States differ greatly in the way religious instruction is given. I understand that in all States, except Victoria, instruction is given on a denominational basis. This means that the children of each particular church are grouped together and taught by a representative of their own church.

In addition to denominational instruction, New South Wales and Tasmania have a general knowledge subject as a part of the normal school curriculum.

In Victoria, the instructors are accredited by the Minister for Education on the recommendation of the Council for Christian Education in Schools. School teachers are not permitted to give instruction in these sessions. All of the instructors are voluntary and many of them are ministers.

Children are in their normal classes for the half-hour period which includes singing, Bible reading, prayers and lessons. Parents may have their children excluded from the session and it is customary for children of Roman Catholic, Jewish, agnostic, and other parents to leave the classroom before the instruction commences.

There is not the slightest chance of this session becoming daily instead of weekly. Even if additional sessions were desirable it is extremely unlikely that any extension of time would be granted by governments or their education departments.

In any case, we are so far short of using the present period adequately that additional periods could only result in diminished efficiency.

The present available time is a precious addition to our "secular" system of education. One would expect that Christians would so welcome the privilege that it would be used to the greatest advantage. This is not the case. In Melbourne alone, there are hundreds of classes without any instruction at all. Even this poor position is achieved only because some instructors take as many as six classes a week. Some attend as many as three different schools.

We are criminally negligent in failing to use the available half-hour per week. We could not possibly meet the demands of increased time.



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The Editor appreciates the help of the Austral Manager (A. R. Haskell) and members of the Austral staff in finalising last-minute details of last week's issue to enable him to fly to W.A. on a brief visit to his sick mother, Mrs. S. G. Taylor, of the Fremantle church.

A Case Against Equal Citizenship is the intriguing theme selected by Ian Spalding for the National Aborigines Day rally at the Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., chapel on Friday, July 12. Aboriginal artists and an Aboriginal film will be featured, and clothing prepared by ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship for despatch to the Western Australian Missions will be on display. Melbourne churches are asked to support this rally.

R. Tippett has advised the church at Whyalla, S.A., that he will terminate his ministry there at the end of this year.

Auditions for the Australian Boys' Choir will be held in the near future for boys born in 1954 or between January - June, 1955. No previous training or experience is necessary, but for any applicants born before 1954 to be considered, they would need to have some knowledge of reading music, and of musical theory. Early applications should be made in writing, giving date of birth, and telephone number to: Miss W. Everett, Secretary, The Australian Boys' Choir, Box 2390V, G.P.O., Melbourne.

Following upon the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Taree church, N.S.W., the members have been engaged in a New Century Crusade, eleven wonderful days (June 9-19) of gospel preaching and witnessing, led by Dr. L. E. Jones from the City Church, Perth, W.A. With two exceptions, each evening commenced with the screening of gospel films. Timely messages built on gospel themes made an arresting appeal to those who gathered each night, some having their first connection with the witness of the local church. The outward results were seven confessions of faith and nine rededications. Apart from this the spiritual life of the church has been strengthened, and lives fortified in the knowledge of God. At the conclusion of the meeting of Wed., June 19, members met in a social hour to say a word of farewell to Dr. Jones. The minister, V. T. Parker, presented him with a travel rug, as a mark, but not the measure, of the Christian love and esteem of the congregation.

American Bible Society distribution of Scriptures around the world reached a new high in 1962 with the circulation of 31,509,821 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and selections in 299 languages and dialects.

We express Christian sympathies to the loved ones of Mrs. K. M. Pittman, of the church at Hampton, Vic., who passed away in a private hospital on Thurs., July 4, in her eightieth year. Widow of the late much loved Douglas E. Pittman (former Manager of The Austral Printing and Publishing Co.), she was a willing church worker while her health permitted, and the warm hospitality of her home will long be remembered by those who shared in it.

## Manning, W.A.

## THE CRUSADE OVER, THE MINISTRY AHEAD

The six weeks' Crusade at Manning, West, Aust., concluded on June 3, when the final service was held and thankoffering received.



Geo. Wood.

A total of 8,300 attendances was recorded, with an average of 220 per meeting, the greatest number being 362 on the last Sunday evening.

Mission statistics, cold figures about warm events, are: 33 primary decisions, 2 restorations, 44 deepening of the spiritual life and reconsecration.

The church at Manning did not receive the additions hoped for. Three primary decisions were recorded, two restorations and five others. Again, these are cold figures. To look at some other figures, Manning had an aver-

age attendance of 23 (mornings) and 16 (evenings) prior to the mission, whilst the attendance is now approximately 45 at both services, with several non-members always included.

To consider briefly some other matters which cannot be stated statistically, is to be encouraged about the outlook for the Manning church. The joint Boards of Manning and South Perth continue to work closely towards the objective of a full-time ministry for the smaller church, and hopeful discussions are taking place. The bond between the two churches has been strengthened by the mission and it is almost unnecessary to say that South Perth, too, has benefited a great deal from the total experience.

The closing meeting on June 3 was a memorable occasion, when tributes were paid to the mission team, George Wood (evangelist and well loved teacher), Bill Bowden (associate evangelist), J. K. Bond (personal worker) and Le Donaldson (musical director). Each man responded with a delightful testimony of the effect of the mission upon his own experience. There was a sadness felt by all as material and equipment were later moved from what had truly become holy ground.

The full results of the Crusade cannot be gauged at this stage. Beyond the figures recorded there is the deeper experience to which all Christians who attended have been called, there is the closer fellowship with each other and the Lord, and there is the seed sown in the district. We look forward now to the establishment of a full-time ministry and through it the creation of conditions where God may be pleased to add greatly to his Church.—J. C. Swift.



On the personal invitation of the C.W.F. (Vic. & Tas.) President and Executive, 230 presidents and secretaries representing Afternoon and Evening Groups from 79 churches in the metropolitan area, including five country churches, assembled in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, Melb., on Friday, June 21, at 10 a.m., for morning coffee, catered for by Mrs. Lowrey and her band of helpers (many thanks). After procuring every available chair in the Centre, all were seated and waiting expectantly for proceedings to commence. Guest speaker, Mrs. L. T. Williams, with the help of some members, presented a model meeting, with a view to "strengthening the home base." Following on from last Council, when Mrs. Williams gave many necessary and helpful clues on the tasks of office bearers and members, a practical demonstration of meeting procedure was witnessed by an intent audience. We are very greatly indebted to this gracious lady for her help. Many expressed appreciation for help received.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.





# INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

## Discipleship

Graham Patterson, Burwood, Vic.  
Reg. Holmes, Mario Costanzo, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Philip Craven, Padstow, N.S.W.  
Pamela Williams, Fullarton, S.A.  
Carl Straubb, Carlton, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McWerter, Mr. and Mrs. Bannon, Devonport, Tas.

Mr. and Mrs. Duthie, Suzanne and Jeanette Oakley, Cheryl Phillips, Carol James, Karen Pickens, Kay Merlo, Echuca, Vic.

Judith Kitto, Naracoorte, S.A.

Len Whitney, Mrs. L. Kinleyside, Mildura, Vic.

## Membership

Mr. and Mrs. D. Feary, Ballarat, Vic. to Whyalla, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ritter, from Surrey Hills; Mrs. Van Andle, from Maldstone; to Ivanhoe, Vic.

Miss Lambert, from Cottesloe, W.A.; Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod, from Emerald, Vic. to Boronia, Vic.

## Marriage

Rosemary Harmer to Barry Penfold, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Gwen Richardson to Don Berry, Whyalla, S.A.

Marion Wardle to William Hextall, Naracoorte, S.A.

## Fallen Asleep

G. Green, Rockdale, N.S.W.

Mrs. V. Owens, Dover, Tas.

## QUEENSLAND

Ann-st., Brisbane (L. G. Read). — B.S. anniversary was held on June 30. Guest speakers were K. Harvey (Camp Hill) and H. Sargent (Annerley). Basket tea was held in social hall, and film, Facts of Faith, screened. Minister exchanged pulpits with T. Rees Thomas (City Congregational Church) on morning of 30th. C.Y.F. has prepared very good programme embracing numerous sports for its sports

club; convener is Jack Files. Visitors from W.A., on 30th, were Mrs. J. McLennan and Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanks. Mrs. S. R. Hay transferred to Annisbrook, N.Z. At Women's Fellowship on 26th devotions were led by Mrs. H. McLane, and talk given by Mrs. C. Phillips, who told how such fellowships are conducted in U.S.A.

Wellington Point (W. H. Nightingale). — Church has appointed Miss P. R. Cane as sec. and Miss R. M. Cane as treas. Minister has been appointed hon. Hospital Chaplain to "Bay View" and Redlands Bay Hospitals, where he has been well received by the Matrons, staff and patients.

Dalby (P. C. Woolford). — Business meeting of church elected: elders, R. Hill, C. Deacon, R. Green, G. Pedler; deacons: H. Chilcott, A. Barden, R. Miller, D. Pedler, F. Pedler, J. Lunn. All auxiliaries made progress; B.S. increase of 21. Church had increase mainly through the mission. Church planning stewardship campaign with D. Mansell. At church anniversary Prof. A. Wilson (Qld. University) guest speaker at morning and evening services, and at well attended P.S.A. At combined meeting with Baptists in chapel, K. Finger (South Seas Evangelical Mission) gave insight into that work.

## TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — J. Mang (N.B.E.M.) told of Mission work in Borneo, at midweek meeting, June 3. On 9th, three adults put on Christ in baptism. Many friends and parents attended open night of G.L.B., when great interest and appreciation were expressed as a normal programme was carried through by leaders. Message was given by Mrs. Munro (G.M.S.) on work carried on in Hong Kong among refugees. Slides, Flight for Freedom, illustrated the need. Dr. Knight (Hobart) stressed need of O.M. work at midweek meeting on 25th. Church has appreciated messages given by members during absence of minister on holidays. Speakers: C. Burt, C. Nunn, D. Kenzie, T. Harman, R. Pitt, L. Walshe. Teams of Y.P. continue to help with services at Ulverstone.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Burwood (A. G. Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), B.Sc., Dip.Ed.). — Adult Christian Education programme continues vital feature in life of church.

On June 26, adult groups joined with C.W.F. in missionary rally; Miss Moody (Gospel Recordings) speaker, and goods received for Mission boxes. Morning preachers have included P.E. Thomas (Belmore), F. A. Elliott (Earlwood) and H. Hayward. Mr. Smallbone (Penshurst) was speaker at bi-monthly Burwood - Youth - For - Christ meeting. At missionary service, on 30th, minister assisted by Nurse Masi Toka and Mr. Hayward in challenging meeting.

Earlwood (F. Elliott - R. Craig). — Good attendance and offering, June 30; S. Sulfaro exhorted church. Church regrets loss of Pam Simmons, about to enter on nursing career, with view to future Mission work. C.W.F. enjoyed visit from Miss Ruth McCoughtry (Ethiopia), who screened colored films of work. Y.P. sent 4 champions to Scripture Union quiz; church is proud of them. Four hours' prayer meeting on Saturday night well attended. Junior boys' club commenced, under leadership of R. Craig and F. Strickland.

Inverell (R. Powell). — C.W.F. visited Mrs. E. Mackie on June 19 for meeting, after which ladies had dairy inspection, as it was then milking time. Boys' and girls' club and Teens' Fellowship have welcomed new members to meetings. Teens' Fellowship has begun discussion on West. Aust. Teenage Code (booklet of what groups of teenagers in camps in W.A. considered standards for teenage living and relationships). On 30th, very large gathering packed Inverell Town Hall for combined church service; guest speaker, R. C. Kerle, Senior Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney. Music provided by Salvation Army Band and Male Voice Party. Ministers of various churches took leading parts in service, and there was special time of thanksgiving to God for finance raised in May appeal for the Inter-Church Council's Senior Citizens' Home Appeal Project.

Canley Heights (D. A. Foletta). — For some months fortnightly youth programme of Teenspiration has enjoyed numbers of 30 and over. The first hour of fun-filled programme has been followed by a food-filled hour at the fellowship tea. This places teenagers at a better disposition to attend gospel service. At all times a two-month printed programme is used as an invitation and news sheet. Debated subject on June 23 was The Non-Christian Life Has More to Offer than the Christian Life. Target of £60 for special microscopic camera for Dr. Coulter, has given keen interest to church and



B.S. Small boxes were made for all in B.S. Recent figure of £15, on the first recall of boxes, £8 from admission and donation to an "Alice in Wonderland" social.

**Padstow (A. Surtees).** — 30 Y.P. and leaders attended under 15 camp at Riverview Lodge, and wonderful time of fellowship was climaxed in the gospel service, when there was one confession of faith. Another confession taken at a gospel service in June. During absence of minister in Qld., services were led by Mr. Langton (missionary from Kashmir) and G. Sloman. R. Greenhalgh brought message at midweek prayer meeting. E. Hart and R. Beadle have also addressed church. Sympathy extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harris on their recent loss. B.S. has maintained good average during past month. Teachers were recently thrilled with studies on Child Evangelism. Visitors during past month from Tamworth, Qld. and Vic.

**Rockdale (C. J. Mackenzie).** — Increased evening attendances. Large number of Y.P. attending. Car picnic held Queen's Birthday. Mission month commenced on June 16, with special emphasis on all mission work. There has been a film screened at evening service for past few weeks. Mrs. Brown and Mr. Nielson home from hospital, and Mrs. Woodward attending services again. Some members attended 100th anniversary of Taree church. Two young men followed their Lord in baptism on 30th.

**Taree (V. T. Parker).** — R. Greenhalgh (Youth Director) gave message to church, June 23. The minister acknowledged with gratitude the services extended to Taree during the 19 years Mr. Greenhalgh has been Director of Youth Work in N.S.W. Mr. Greenhalgh was accompanied by Mrs. Greenhalgh, this being their last visit to the Manning River prior to their departure for S.A. Since the brief mission conducted by Dr. L. E. Jones (Perth, W.A.), services have been marked by increases in breaking of bread and renewed interest. On evenings of 23rd and 30th, baptismal services were held, candidates being those who made decisions in the New Century Crusade.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Grote-st., Adelaide (A. E. Brown).** — Attendances at meetings good despite seasonable illnesses. Av. number of communicants, 144. Sick members progressing, including Mr. De Laine, confined to bed. June meeting of C.W.F. given over to open night with colored slides of Canada and America shown by Mrs. Fletcher. Collection of £17 donated to Overseas Mission Fund. C.Y.F. continues actively, Dr. T. Turner being speaker on 28th. After-church

meeting held in hall, with film and supper on 30th. Good attendance had enjoyable get-together.

**Fullarton (M. D. Williams).** — One girl received by faith and obedience, June 9. Church regrets removal of Chigwidden family to Keith, and at after-church fellowship on 23rd, appreciation expressed for their devoted service over past 8 years. Suitable presentations made from auxiliaries and church. Church supporting Freedom from Hunger campaign through Inter-Church Aid. At youth tea on 23rd, followed by youth service, Y.P. undertook to raise money to send several "steel hoe heads for Indonesia," part of S.A. project suggested by W. E. Fisher, fraternal delegate to Indonesia. At Youth Fellowship "International Night," guest speakers were Bennie Theng (Indonesia) and Miss Vika Tuifia (Tonga). Neighboring C.Y.F. groups shared meeting. Several visitors have been present. On 16th, speaker was C. P. Hughes (Temperance Alliance). F. Archbold (S.U.M.) addressed a midweek meeting.

**Tumby Bay (D. P. Holloway).** — On June 8 church had visit from C. H. J. Wright at Eyre Peninsula Conference. His messages on 9th much appreciated. On 23rd, church had fellowship with J. Baker (Hospital Chaplain), talking of his work in that capacity. Mr. Dodge seriously ill, and Mrs. Holloway indisposed.

**Naracoorie (E. O. Stevens).** — Young woman baptised at gospel service on June 9 and received into fellowship. V. Hoskin has been appointed B.S. supt., following resignation of W. Pomery. Mr. Stevens is leader of C.E. Several Y.P. attended Longwood Camp over holiday weekend. On 16th, minister preached at both services at Presbyterian Church. L. Fisher and A. G. Dinning preached in his absence.

**Whyalla (R. Tippett).** — Morning services continuing well, in spite of much sickness amongst members. Special services were held during Home and Family Week. After-church organ recital, and sacred records, given by D. Feary recently. Basketball girls and St. John's Ambulance Brigade both held church parades in June. C.W.E.F. held apron parade and raised £7/11/-. Men's basketball team doing very well. Mr. Tippett has advised that his ministry will terminate at end of this year.

## VICTORIA

**Boronla (J. A. Manallack).** — Attendances well maintained during June. Freedom From Hunger Campaign offering, £94. Explorers collected over £60 worth of groceries during Service Month. Men held working bee in conjunction with Good Neighbor Coun-

cil to help rebuild house for migrant family who lost home in fire, and who are now faced with serious illness. C.W.F. made and purchased sufficient clothes to clothe an Aboriginal for one year. C.Y.F. entertained Hartwell group for evening recently. Men to assist Emerald church once a month by supplying president and readers. Women's calisthenic class reports good beginnings.

**Carlton (R. J. Duckett).** — On June 23, A.N.C.M. Choir delighted evening congregation of 93. Officers' Board has recommended that church adopt Graeme Sonle (Tung, New Guinea) as its "living link," at suggestion of R. McLean (Federal O.M. Sec.). This will entail approx. £350 per year. 5th monthly box opening for £1,500 1963 Missionary Appeal, saw missionary thermometer rise to nearly £800. Pleasing to see E. McLean sufficiently restored to health to be present at a.m. service on 30th. A. Johnson has had to be returned to R.M. Hospital from After-Care. Congratulations to Nell Duckett as she takes up nursing training at Prince Henry's Hospital.

**Colac (B. Dowsett).** — Messrs. Smith and Avery (Dept. Home Missions) visited church on June 22 for tea with members and discussion of Plan for Development. Morning service, 30th, broadcast over 3CS. United service held p.m. in Presbyterian building.

**Maldstone (D. A. V. Thomas).** — Av. attendances for June: 81 a.m.; 77 p.m. Three B.S. scholars made decisions during June. Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. Dunn and family in loss of husband and father. 40 Y.P. attended tea, June 30, when Barry Richards (returned builder-missionary) was speaker. Mr. Richards also screened slides of work at after-church fellowship. C.Y.F. held picnic to Hanging Rock on Queen's Birthday holiday; also visited Ascot Vale C.Y.F. Mrs. Ellis (Frankston), accompanied by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Sexton, visited C.W.F. and gave craft demonstration. C.W.E.F. held very successful apron parade and raised £20 towards Building Extension Fund. Full outfit for 8-year-old girl in our W.A. Mission prepared by C.W.F., assisted by C.Y.F. and G.C. clubs.

**Ararat (K. J. Hank).** — B.S. contributed £5 towards Freedom From Hunger Campaign, following a "hunger breakfast." A. R. Haskell (Conf. Pres.) addressed church, June 9. Combined Prayer and Bible study with Stawell brethren conducted by minister. R. Story screened U.F.M. film, *Were Sometimes Darkness*, on 20th. C.W.F. held sewing afternoon for Overseas Missions. R. Selwood, Mrs. Boyle, Miss Blight, Graeme Welsh and Carolyn Selwood now home from hospital. Viggers family have moved to Stawell.



**Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).**— Good attendances at morning services. Messages have been given to stimulate prayer and giving to Overseas Missions. C.W.F. very active. Woman to Woman evangelism receiving good support. Annual sustenance by C.W.F. for little Indian girl, Puspha Lakhe, Shrigonda Mission Home, has been forwarded.

**Berwick (K. A. Mason).**— On June 30, more than 60 attended morning service of 94th church anniversary. C. L. Smith (Hampton), former minister, was speaker. Mr. Smith also presented prizes to Y.W.L. scholars who had attended church services regularly. K. Mason was p.m. speaker, Miss Joyce Brown soloist. At Women's Guild on 27th, Miss Dawn Martin (Christian Service Centre) was speaker at well attended meeting. Parcel of clothes was made up for Aborigine at Carnarvon Mission, and clothes were received for Social Service. Malcolm Croucher was speaker at an a.m. service, and Freedom From Hunger offering was £16. Working bee to clean grounds and buildings was held on 22nd.

**Burwood (H. J. Patterson, M.A.).**— Attendances holding well and good spirit prevailing. Recently commenced 6.40 p.m. prayer meeting well attended. After-church singalongs popular with all ages and tend to open homes of non-church attenders. Y.P. giving good witness this way. Youth services first Sunday each month increasing attendance of Y.P. at gospel service. Young man made decision June 23.

**Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas).**—C.W.F. putting aside a penny day for ladies' offering to Overseas Missions. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and family moved into their new home in Chelsea. Repairs are being made to chapel roof, windows and pews. B.S. scholar made his confession of faith June 16. Members of church helped Chelsea's Freedom from Hunger "doorknock." P.m. 30th service had music from Bob Gray and Ian Wolstencroft, who also attended C.Y.F. after-church fellowship in Edithvale home. C.W.E.F. July meeting, when local butcher gave talk, well attended. C.W.E.F. pres. and sec. and C.W.F. pres. and sec. attended special meeting in Churches of Christ Centre.

**Collingwood (S. H. Wilkerson).**— Y.P.C.E. conducted Crusade gospel meeting, June 2, when 3 Y.P. gave their testimony. R. Gaunson delivered a stirring message. At C.W.F. meeting on 3rd, Mrs. Roper gave talk on bell-ringing. Mission song-leader, G. Thomson, was speaker on morning of 16th, and G. Haylock spoke at gospel service. Church of Christ C.E. Committee held interesting missionary weekend on 15th and 16th, in the chapel. Working bee cleaned chapel balcony. B.S. conduc-

ted another door-to-door canvass on 23rd, when 13 children promised to attend the school. Mission prayer convener has received notice from numerous people willing to be prayer partners. Freedom From Hunger offering has reached £14. Church has received gift of an electric urn.

**Echuca (B. L. Pryor).**— Minister and Y.P. enjoyed camping fellowship with other church groups at Aaxedale on June 10. Combined church service was held in Methodist building on evening of 23rd. During winter months church meets at 5 p.m. for evening service. Starvation tea for local churches was held at chapel on 16th; £22/10/- was donated for Freedom from Hunger appeal. Mr. Meyer is recovering from surgery. Miss J. McLean is nursing at Eye and Ear Hospital, Melb. Baptismal service held, when 3 were baptised into Christ.

**Footscray (G. S. Brown).**— After-church fellowship on June 9 made presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Ken. Peard. Mr. Peard had been morning organist and B.S. treas. C.W.E.F. visited North Williamstown on 12th and provided social programme. V. Longthorpe (Asst. Dir., Christian Ed.) a.m. speaker on 16th. Men joined in C.M.S. tea on 16th, when Mr. Wilson (Industrial Chaplain) told of his work among factory workers. C.W.E.F. held social evening at home of Mrs. Peard on 26th, when £8 was raised toward cake stall of forthcoming fair. T. A. Fergusson (North Williamstown) exchanged pulpit with G. S. Brown, a.m. 30th. 4 children of Johnson family, recently moved from Kyneton, have been welcomed into B.S. C.W.F. provided complete outfit of clothing for boy at Carnarvon Mission.

**Ivanhoe (H. W. Street).**— During minister's holidays services were conducted by F. Chipperfield and E. Prentice, snr. Fellowship was enjoyed with Mrs. Roffey, mother of minister-elect, on June 30. C.W.E.F. appointed Mrs. Ah Mouey pres., and Mrs. Fallon, sec., at annual meeting. Mrs. G. Street has returned to Melbourne from Launceston for medical treatment and surgery. Mrs. Tunbridge has been admitted to Emmaus Guest Home. Cricket club trophy presentation night held on 28th. film, *The Touch of Brass*, being screened. Trophies presented by pres., R. Darby. Church rejoices at recovery of Board chairman, R. Trembath, now on holidays, following recent serious illness. Seminar discussed ways of improving work of church and reaching more people outside church circle.

**Mildura (A. F. Cant, B.Ed.).**—Church shared in Sunraysia district conference during weekend June 13-17. Hon. C. F. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) gave address at morning service on June 16, and spoke to church at evening after-church fel-

lowship, on his experiences as a Cabinet Minister. At the morning service of 23rd, two people made their confessions of faith. New C.Y.F. and Young Adults groups, catering for Y.P. between ages of 13 and 30, made a strong start during the month. 150 sat down to church family dinner on 26th, when a 3-year plan of development was presented to church members. Plan sets out yearly targets for discipleship, B.S. and stewardship. Church challenged to assist financially Dareton (N.S.W.) church's plan to obtain the services of a full-time minister. Dareton church is building a new manse.

**Mt. Evelyn (J. Dow).**— June was busy month with various activities. C.W.F. forwarded £58/- for Overseas Missions, as an extra. Freedom From Hunger received £25. In spite of very cold weather, attendances have been well maintained. Av. breaking bread 34; night attendance 29. Christine Walker (The Patch) was immersed. Several from The Patch attended the service in conjunction with the usual Friday prayer meeting held at Mt. Evelyn.

**Preston (G. W. Barnett).**— Film, *The Power of Prayer*, screened p.m. June 9. Morning speaker, 16th, was K. A. Jones (C.O.B.). Monthly meeting of C.M.S. held 30th, at which J. Bates and A. Bourne (local members) gave interesting talks. Church extends sympathy to A. E. Ferris and family on death of Mrs. Ferris.

**Voorinen (D. G. Beanland).**— At annual business meeting, E. G. Mott re-elected sec., A. Voigt, treas., G. A. Mott, P. Harrop, J. Leach, S. Rogers, deacons; Juliet Leach and Mrs. G. A. Mott, organists; J. Leach, B.S. supt. Several working bees have been held on new site, and renovations to buildings to commence shortly. I.C.E. commenced and interest of Y.P. growing. Ladies' meetings well attended and knee rugs made for Social Service. G. A. Mott still far from well following setback. Denise Brown recovering from surgery.

**East Preston (T. Lane).**— June average: 85 a.m.; 41 p.m.; communicants, 82. Midweek fellowship visited and entertained at Christian Guest Home. Stewardship - Deeper Levels commenced June 30. Congregation of 110 heard minister's challenging addresses. Month's theme is *My Church and My Community*. C.W.E.F. had interesting evening hearing of work of Dorcas. Each member at meeting knitting squares for rug. I.C.E. visited Judge Book Home for elderly folk on 30th. Biscuits made by inters. and posies were distributed to each person.

**Doncaster (C. G. Taylor, B.A.).**— Youth camp at Lorne, with minister and other leaders, successful event. G.C. choir in competition finals. D. H. Smith speaker 30th.



## 1963 Australian Citizenship Convention

More than 300 delegates, including Members of Commonwealth and State Parliaments and representatives of every important section of commerce and industry, Trade Unions, Church and voluntary organisations throughout Australia, met at Canberra to discuss the problem of Migrant Youth in the Australian Environment.

Speakers at the Convention were: The Right Hon. Sir Robert Menzies, K.C., C.H., Q.C., M.P. (Prime Minister of Australia), The Hon. A. R. Downer, M.P. (Minister for Immigration), Dr. H. S. Wyndham, C.B.E. (Director-General of Education, N.S.W.), I. I. Kavass (Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Adelaide), J. E. Lewis (Administration Supervisor, Broken Hill Pty. Ltd., Newcastle), Dr. Joan Tully (Senior Lecturer in Extension Services, University of Queensland).

The various subjects discussed included: General Education of Migrant Youth, Preparation for Adulthood and Citizenship, Physical Health, Sporting Activities, National Fitness, Youth and the Law, Social Participation and The Role of the Churches in the Integration of Migrant Youth.

Very early in the discussion it was agreed that the age for discussion be 14-25. In addition to migrant youth, it was necessary to look at the overall picture as applicable to all Australian youth, and that the main way to help their development was through mental, physical, and spiritual guidance and training.

Statistical reports indicated that one quarter of the Australian population under 21 years had either come to Australia, or were born here of migrant parents, and 70 per cent of this number do not have a formal education after 15 years of age. 42,000 assisted British migrants and 11,000 full-fare will arrive here this financial year. Spanish migration will total 14,500 and Italian 14,000. Assisted single passage arrangements will cover all single women between 18 and 35 who can satisfy usual immigration requirements. This will apply particularly to fiancées of migrants already here.

The suggested helps, that could be given to the youth were:

That public schools could be used after closing time and during holidays for sport and activities to direct youthful energies to higher ideals and encourage youth to accept responsibility.

That migrants bring from the country of origin a record of scholastic attainment and progress in apprenticeship and other trade training, and that same be accept-

able to employers and Trade Union movements.

The Convention unanimously supported the reintroduction of compulsory service for boys and girls as means of helping migrant young people to find their feet, learn the language, and prepare them for citizenship.

It was felt that the Church could help the integration of young people by arranging advisory counselling facilities in schools, contact work in the homes, providing qualified lay leadership for club work, in which migrant youth can participate, and special migrant and encouragement study group make known the mission of the Church, and breaking down fear and apathy.

A further recommendation was that Churches and organisations interested in immigration provide information of activities to a central citizen advice bureau to enable migrants to know facilities.—S. Chalmers, Sec., Qld. Social Service Comm.

## OPEN FORUM

### RECONSECRATIONS

By way of comment on the letter of C. W. Jackel in his use of Scripture to justify "public reconsecrations" (25/6/63).

Firstly, as I read our Editor's article on "Reconsecrations," there was no suggestion that such re-affirmation of faith and reconsecration is never necessary. Rather, that the reconsecration, when it is necessary, in many cases should be expressed in private between the wayward one and his Lord. The public part of the reconsecration should express itself in a changed life, a devotion to the work of the local church and a consistent witnessing to Christ. There seems little objection in the Editor's article to a public re-affirmation of faith in a meeting, where a person has been living openly outside the Christian faith, outside the fellowship of the Church, and is now coming back. The objection was rather to the typical reconsecration we see in evangelistic missions, where young people who are active in the life of the Church, feel a need to draw closer to Christ, and come forward in rededication, in the emotion of the moment; when we should rather be teaching them that all of our lives, as we live with the Saviour, we shall be constantly, in private, rededicating ourselves, and every day drawing closer to him.

As to the Scripture references that Mr. Jackel quoted to justify public appeal for reconsecration, with the person reconsecrating going forward to the front of the meeting as for a first decision, either Mr. Jackel has a different Bible from mine or he is reading into these passages what they

do not say. Churches of Christ believe that we should go to the Scriptures with an open mind and let them speak to us. I am sure that if our brother does this he will agree with our Editor's comments on reconsecrations.—S. K. Bannon, Red Cliffs, Vic.

## News of British Churches

Two Minute Books recording the proceedings of the Missionary Committee have been sent to the library at Overdale College. They were discovered in the archives of the Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, by Dr. Lester G. McAllister. In consultation with Dean Osborn and Dr. K. Shaw, librarian, it was agreed that the books should be returned to Britain. They cover the years 1892 to 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Burdett have intimated their willingness to return to India in 1964, and their offer has been gladly accepted. They left India in 1959, for health and other reasons connected with the education of their daughters. Mr. Burdett has served as minister at Evington-rd., Leicester, since his return.

W. G. Baker (Edinburgh) is visiting U.S.A. He will give a series of lectures at the Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, and will represent the British Churches of Christ at the Faith and Order conference at Montreal.

The appeal of the Social Questions Committee for the cost of a tractor, and for the training of an operator, is assured of success. Inter-Church Aid has been asked to forward the tractor to one of the areas where the need is urgent.—G. J. Hammond.

### IN MEMORIAM

SELBY, Frederick John. — Loving memories of a dear husband and father, who was called to be with his Lord on July 13, 1962.  
—Ever remembered by his loving wife, daughter and family.

### RETURN THANKS

Mrs. G. GREEN, 10 Wazir-st., Arncliffe, N.S.W., and family, wish to thank Mr. Mackenzie, officers and members of Rockdale church, and all kind friends for their expressions of sympathy in the loss of husband and father, Mr. G. Green.

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SEDGMAN (Burstons). — To Hylton  
and Ivy, a girl — Leone Kaye. Sister  
to Keith, Bevan and David. Both  
mother and daughter well.

WILLIAMS (Macdonald). — On June  
22, at Kaniva Hospital, Vic., to Lois  
and Rex, God's blessing of another  
daughter — Sandra June. Both well.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

TRIPLETT - SCHELLINGERHOUT.  
— The marriage of Patricia Margaret,  
eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.  
F. Triplett, "Lauriston," Berwick, Vic.,  
with Peter, only son of Mr. and Mrs.  
M. Schellingerhout, Brisbane-st., Ber-  
wick, will be celebrated at the Ber-  
wick Church of Christ on Saturday,  
July 20, 1963, at 4.30 p.m.

JONES - HARVEY. — The marriage  
of Helen, elder daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. A. R. Jones, 122 Second-ave.,  
Royston Park, S.A., to Ross, youngest  
son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harvey,  
Williamstown, S.A., will be solemnised  
at Maylands Church of Christ on  
July 13, 1963, at 4 p.m.

## DEATHS

BAKER, Anne. — On June 19, at  
Murrumbidgee, much loved friend and  
teacher for 56 years at the Chinese  
Church, Queensberry-st., Carlton, Vic.

ROLLS (nee Jones). — Suddenly,  
at 19 Simpson-st., Mitcham, Vic., on  
June 22, Violet Elsie, much loved  
mother of Bob, loving mother-in-law  
of Dawn and adored grandma of  
Cheryle and Robert. With our Lord,  
free from all suffering and care.

PITTMAN. — On July 4, at a Mel-  
bourne Private Hospital, Katie Mabel,  
of Hampton, Vic., wife of the late  
Douglas, loving mother of Dulcie (Mrs.  
Clive Henshlwood), and Kitty (Mrs.  
Alan McDiarmid, U.S.A.), loved grand-  
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L. Williams, M.A.; 4.15 p.m.: Over-  
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### Elsie Peeler.

After nine months' hospitalisation, Mrs. Peeler completed her earthly pilgrimage on June 21. Through many years of failing health she maintained a sure faith and a loyal devotion to Christ and the Church, and exercised Christian charity. Sixty years ago, she made her confession of faith and was baptised under the ministry of William McCance, at Barker's Creek, Vic. A. W. Connor conducted the marriage service at Barker's Creek when she united her life with Harold Peeler, and in January, 1912, they made their home in Castlemaine and transferred their membership to the church there, where they continued active association through 51 years. The chapel at Castlemaine was filled on June 22 with those who sought to honor her memory. A. C. Mudford assisted the writer at the chapel and at Harcourt Cemetery. We commend her loved ones to the grace of God. — K. J. Clinton.



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(A Hymn for July - No. 64, July 21).

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