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GORDON K. MOYES (Ascot Vale-Newmarket, Vic.) reports on the planning and outworking of a Year of Dedication . . .

"They First Gave Themselves"

One of the great temptations of the moment is to "segmentalise" our Christian faith. Recent discussions in *The Australian Christian* on "Packaged Evangelism" illustrate what is meant; for terms like "fractional evangelism," "stewardship promotion," "adult education," are an accepted part of our contemporary jargon.

The danger lies in that each segment of our Christian life is treated and promoted as a separate unit, when in fact all of these important emphases in our Christian faith are inter-related and inter-dependent. The need of many local congregations is to see once again the totality of Christian witness.

This was a need recognised by the Ascot Vale and Newmarket (Vic.) churches, and this moved them to re-stress the total emphasis of our witness.

Exactly twelve months ago, an exhaustive survey was made of our churches, and as a result a Three-Year Plan of Progress was formulated, with the first year, 1963, being seen as the year of Dedication. Within the one year four emphases were to be made:

- the deepening of the spiritual life;
- the practice of continuous evangelism.
- the promotion of planned giving;
- the stress on brotherhood activities.

Particular stress on one facet would be made each quarter, but fundamentally each would be dependent on the other, and all would be closely related, and simultaneously effected.

This was a big undertaking for two inner-suburban churches which only a few years ago had student ministries and a total income of £18 a week. But, gradually, the churches combined their efforts, and, with one of the student ministers, evolved to a part-time and then full-time ministry, which was subsidised by the Vic.-Tas. Home Mission Department. We cannot overestimate the help and guidance given by this Department. With graciousness of character and



Manse of Inner Suburban Church, Ascot Vale, Vic.

with true vision of our calling, they encouraged, guided and led us. The churches then purchased an attractive brick manse, and, during the first year of full-time ministry in 1962, prepared for the year of dedication that would commence their three-year plan.

The early months of the year saw the emphasis on the deepening of our spiritual life. A spiritual life mission conducted by the minister proceeded over three months. Tremendous stress was placed on the value of regular prayer. Weekly prayer letters were sent to members, prayer meetings were established, special sermons were preached, and R. C. McKenzie, of the Ormond church, led in midweek study classes on the Christian life. It seemed natural to proceed from our own spiritual lives to being concerned for others, and regular, systematic visitation of friends on the fringe of the church fellowship was initiated. The cultivation of the friendship of these people provided the stimulus for the second emphasis of our own dedication.

During the period of Lent, as we considered the undying love of Christ and sought to draw closer to him in the deepening of our spiritual lives, the programme of evangelism was slowly unfolded. The friendship cultivation and visitation were increased, and many social functions were arranged at the church buildings and in members' homes to help our friendship with our contacts for Christ. Special ladies' nights, church nights, and family nights were conducted, with a high percentage of non-members present. A team of women from various churches set themselves aside to conduct a Woman to Woman mission in the church. Five months of weekly prayer was beginning to have its effect. Cottage meetings were held in many homes, where ladies spoke naturally to others about the influence of Christ in their lives. Teenage girls met together for tea and discussion. Finally, as a result of several months' friendship with our contacts for Christ, two Woman to Woman mission meetings were held, with Miss Moya McCrackett as song leader, and Mrs. Vera Morrison (Vic. and Tas. C.W.F. President) and the minister giving the gospel addresses. Four ladies made their decisions for Christ, and in the follow-up visitation, the husbands of two of the ladies also committed their lives to Christ. Excellent attendances of over 100 women marked these meetings.

But our dedication was yet to be lifted. We had given ourselves to the deepening of the spiritual life, and we had expressed our concern for

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this in our programme of continuous congregational evangelism. Now we felt we had to give all that we had in a deepening of our understanding of Christian stewardship.

Alan Avery, of the Vic.-Tas. Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, led our churches during this phase of our Year of Dedication. The churches had lifted their combined giving to a generous £31 per week, and we did not really see any prospect of great financial increase. 120 members and friends sat down to the Programme Dinner in the Kensington Town Hall, and after a personal visitation to every one of our church families we found that over £55 per week had been pledged. But in point of fact the weekly offerings have exceeded an average of £64 per week. Almost every one of the 90 members — many of whom are on pensions — pledged sacrificially.

This Planned Giving Programme really earthed the dedication of our members. As dedication deepened, the spiritual life increased. Three more people made their decisions for Christ. As one man said, "It was only as I faced the challenge to give to God that I fully realised that I had to give myself first."

Our Year of Dedication is not over. Stress is now being made on our brotherhood activities, and our stewardship programme has meant that we are now giving a greater measure of financial support to our brotherhood than was previously possible.

But one cannot fail to see how inter-related and vitally connected each aspect of our Year of Dedication has been. Evangelism increased our stewardship, and stewardship created greater evangelistic opportunities. We must not separate these aspects of our church's life, for they all — education, spiritual life, mission, service, stewardship — are part of our calling and witness.

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Half-Yearly Conference

The Half-yearly Conference of the Central Northern District (Vic.) Churches was held at Swan Hill on August 3.

The theme was *Christian Vitality*, and guest speakers were E. L. Williams (Federal College of the Bible) and Viney Longthorp (Director-Elect, Department of Christian Education).

It was decided to conclude our "Friendly Word" broadcast over station 3BO, and our new project is to establish a camp site at Eppalock.

Approximately 110 attended this Conference, and travelled from churches at Pyramid Hill, Kangaroo Flat,

Boort, Bendigo, Kyneton, Echuca, Castlemaine, Harcourt and Woorinen.

This was the first time Conference was held at Swan Hill, and all who attended enjoyed very much the hospitality of the Swan Hill members, and also the opportunity to have fellowship with sister churches.

Next Conference is to be held at Boort in March, and we look forward to another day of rich fellowship.—Laureen Triplett, Sec.

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News of British Churches

The Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the official title) was held in Wigan in the early days of August. The 200 registrations were greatly increased by the number of day visitors who came from the Wigan district churches. The President of Conference, W. Georgeson, and his wife — the First Lady of Conference — are both Wiganers. It added interest to the occasion to recall that it was in the chapel in which the Conference sessions were held that they both volunteered for missionary work, in which they spent 17 years in Nyasaland. The Vice-President was Norman Walters, of Cambridge University, who becomes President in 1964. The theme of the President's address was *The Call of God: to the individual; to the local church; to Churches of Christ as part of the One Church.*

Reports were presented to Conference of all the work which is carried on at home and overseas. A new youth organiser, Allan Lowe, was commissioned for service, following the report of the Christian Education Committee.

The Missionary Tea is always a highlight of the Conference, and this year was no exception. K. C. Burdett, a former missionary, who, with his wife, is returning to India next year, was in the chair. Addresses were given by Miss Elsie Gainham, who visited the Indian Missions last year, and Eddie Terry, home on furlough from Nyasaland. The missionary offering amounted to £1,000, made up on the following day to £2,000.

The Conference "Paper" was in two parts. J. L. Colver and David Thompson discussed the theme: *The Evening Service; Should it be Mended or Ended?*

The fraternal delegates from the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples) were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stacey, both of whom entered into Conference proceedings with freedom and with profit.

The 1964 Conference will meet in Leicester. The Vice-President for 1964 is R. Hallows, minister at Shawlands, Glasgow.—G. J. Hammond.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of Aug. 28, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Our Men in U.S.A. — A. George Saunders, of the Hindmarsh (S.A.) church, has been appointed by the F.C.M.S. to the Philippine Islands, and will be associated with Dr. C. L. Pickett, at Laoag. He will leave the United States early in September for the field. Since his return to the States, he has been studying in the College of Missions, Indianapolis. George Moore, formerly of Prahran, Vic., after nine years' study in America, is arranging to visit Australia by next May or June. He received his M.A. degree from Harvard University. He is a prize-winner in Greek and Hebrew, and has also studied French, German and Spanish.

Notes from Baramati, India. — So far, the rains have been very good, and the prospects for the early crops are very good indeed. As grain prices have been about 50 per cent above normal for two years now, the benefit of a good harvest will be an untold blessing to the poorer classes. Some paspalum seed that we brought out from S.A. has been a success here, and we are now planting it on some reclaimed ground on the property here, where it will be under command of water from the windmill. Two or three new boys have lately been placed in the weaving department for the purpose of learning the trade, and a cricket club has been formed amongst our Christian boys here.—H. H. Strutton.

From Here and There. — At the instance of the East Suburban Co-operation of the Churches of Christ, application was made by the Vic. Conference Executive for an allotment in the Springvale Necropolis. This application the Trustees have granted, and a "lot" has been set aside for the sole use of deceased members of the Churches of Christ . . . W. H. Allen, of the Swanston-st., Melb. church, has just returned from a holiday trip to West Australia. D.M. Wilson, of Perth, writes in appreciation of Mr. Allen's help during his visit . . . The church at Murray Bridge, S.A., is now within about £350 of the amount required to enable a start to be made on a new building . . . The church at Malvern, Vic., has decided to build classrooms and improve the front of the building, the work to be completed in a day by voluntary labor . . . The Victorian brotherhood is planning a diamond jubilee rally for Home Missions, to be held in the Masonic Hall on Oct. 28 . . . Frank Furnell and Harry Bell, of the church at Wanganui, N.Z., have left for America to enter College there.

Tribute to World Convention Leader

Our world brotherhood has lost an outstanding leader with the death of Dr. Jesse M. Bader in New York on Monday, Aug. 19, 1963. There was such an ageless quality about this dynamic man that it is hard for those of us who knew and loved him to realise that he is gone from among us, and not just simply off on yet another of those innumerable plane trips with which he criss-crossed the world in the interests of evangelism and the World Convention. One thing, at least, is sure — what he did with his life has enduring worth.

In the matter of bare statistics, his is a remarkable record. During twelve years as a minister of Disciples of Christ, he showed his evangelistic zeal by the fact that, for the whole of that time, there was an average of *one new member a day* added to the church during his ministry. It was hardly surprising that he was then called, in 1920, to serve as National Secretary for Evangelism for the Disciples of Christ in the U.S.A. Nor was it any more surprising that, in 1932, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ (interdenominational) should seek him as the ideal man to head up its own evangelistic work. His proved blend of evangelistic and administrative gifts was seen at its best in this inter-church work, and when the National Council of Churches was organised in 1950 he was appointed Executive Director of the Joint Department of Evangelism, serving a total membership of 35,000,000 in 30 Christian communions. He was quick to use any opportunity to increase co-operation and foster the desire for unity. One continuing practical result of his work in that field is the growing observance of World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October each year.

Yet, immersed in activities with other churches as he was for 35 years, Jesse Bader still loved his own church family, and it was largely owing to his vision and initiative that the World Convention of Churches of Christ was formed and met for the first time in Washington, D.C., Oct. 19-23, 1930, under his Presidency. A registration of 7,500 ensured the success of that first Convention, and he was appointed General Secretary, an office which he held till his death. When he retired from his evangelistic post at the end of 1953, he became full-time Secretary of the World Convention, after having given 23 years of honorary service in that capacity. He was a great encourager of younger men, and during the last seven months worked closely with the newly-appointed Associate General Secretary, Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick — a man born, significantly enough, in the year of the first World Convention meetings.

Jesse Bader was one of the best-known American visitors to Australian churches, being with us in Federal Conference as well as in World Convention gatherings. The title of his Centenary Conference Sermon, preached in Adelaide on Sept. 8, 1946, was typical of the man: *A Time For Greatness in the Church*. He was always the friendly enthusiast — whether arranging Convention matters, or planning strenuous itineraries for Aus-



tralian visitors, or explaining the tactics of the Brooklyn Dodgers (as he did on one occasion to an Australian Editor, seated between the Baders at a baseball game). He never lost his primary enthusiasm for evangelism, as was evidenced only six years ago in the publication of his book, *Evangelism in a Changing America*. It echoed slogans that had been synonymous with his name for decades . . . "Evangelism is not the only business of the Church, but it is the Church's first business" . . . "Evangelism is not an elective; it is a divine imperative." But it also revealed the spirit which was the motive force of this man through his varied ministries: "There is a compulsion about evangelism. There is a force in it that drives and compels Christians to engage in this sublime task. There is a restlessness in this word." It was this divine "restlessness" that kept him active to the last in his Master's work.

He was the first to admit that he owed much to Mrs. Bader, herself an outstanding leader in inter-church women's and United Bible Societies' work. To her we extend loving Christian sympathy, and gladly pay this tribute to a man it was a privilege to know.



MISSIONARY NEWS

Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

Return to New Hebrides

R. S. A. McLean, Federal O.M.
Secretary.

It has been a thrill to return to the New Hebrides and have fellowship with Island brethren I have known for so many years. The flight from Sydney to Noumea, which used to take six hours by flying boat, was accomplished in two-and-a-half hours. After an overnight stop in Noumea, George Mathieson, Alsa Harris and I flew to Vila, the capital of the New Hebrides. We were met by the Education Officer who, during the next two days, devoted much of his time discussing our Mission's programme as far as education is concerned.

I was delighted to meet several of my former Londua students, studying at the new Teachers' Training College in Vila. This College was only established two years ago. The initial cost for buildings, staff houses, lecture rooms, furnishings, etc., was £120,000, and this was provided by the British Government. The cost of running the College is approx. £14,000 per annum. Some of the lecturers are appointed by the British Government, and the rest by Missions.

A missionary meeting was arranged by the students, and I was given the opportunity to speak about our work in India and New Guinea.

Leaving Vila we flew up to Santo. Waiting to board the plane at Santo were Dr. Coulter and Mrs. Smith, who were going to Vila to attend a medical conference. Fred Reynolds took us to his home, and provided accommodation while we were waiting for the ship to take us to Aoba.

It felt just like coming home again when, after a rough trip of approximately five hours, we landed not far from the Londua Training school. There was little time to examine the familiar site, for Pastor Abel Banl called to take me to Ndul Ndul to see the new school and church building. It took us a long time to reach Ndul Ndul, as we met so many people on the way.

As we had to leave for Maewo the next day it was a matter of "Hello" and "Goodbye" as far as the people on Aoba were concerned, but I look forward to seeing them again next week.

On Maewo much progress has been made since I was here nearly three

years ago. Mr. Combridge said there had been a marked development spiritually during the last two years. New Hospital buildings are being erected and good progress is being made in the technical school. The indigenous church is developing rapidly, and we praise God that we have a share in its growth. The main task on the Mission field in the New Hebrides is to firmly establish the church and to train leaders who will eventually take over the work now being done by missionaries. Will you pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and strength for this work?

Friends of Miss Shantabal Choudhari will be interested and delighted to know that after sitting for her final examination in April, she has completed, and gained, her L.Th. degree. We express to her our sin-

cere congratulations on her achievement. Shantabal helps with the Boarding work in the Shrigonda Girls' Home, as well as being responsible for the Shrigonda Girls' School.

The following figures indicate the giving by the various States, from July 1 to Aug. 14. These figures include giving to the General Fund of the Overseas Mission, and do not include any gifts received for Special or Earmarked Funds:

Victoria - Tasmania, £4,499/15/1;
South Australia, £2,677/8/6; New
South Wales, £2,579/17/3; Queens-
land, £1,614/19/-; Western Aus-
tralia, £1,661/16/-.

In presenting these figures, the Federal Board is grateful for the splendid support of the brotherhood in the time of crisis, and would sincerely thank all individuals and churches who have responded so generously. We are ever mindful that God will never fail nor forsake those who put their trust in him, and this has been proved again and again, not only by the Federal Board, but by numerous friends and churches who have experienced the reality of this promise. Our God is great, and greatly to be praised.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



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FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Interstate News

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mrs. Fax presided at the meeting in Grote-st. chapel on Aug. 1. The attendance of 209 included 160 delegates and one visitor, Mrs. Humphries (West Australia).

All departments are busy preparing for State Conference in September. We look forward to a wonderful day of fellowship on Sisters' Day, Sept. 5, commencing 10 a.m. A pageant will be presented at the evening meeting, based on World Christian Women's Fellowship.

This meeting was our Aborigines Mission Rally, and this section of the meeting was presided over by the leader of the Committee, Mrs. Bell. Devotions were prepared and forwarded by Mrs. L. Fisher, from Carnarvon, and ably presented by Mrs. Russell. Mrs. McAllister sang two lovely solos. I. J. Chivell gave a challenging address on the work and witness of Aborigines in our community, and our attitude to them. Mrs. Bell thanked all the groups who contributed so wonderfully with clothing. The offering amounted to £21/9/8.

Mrs. Fax thanked the Committee for their enjoyable programme, and

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

VICTORIA-TASMANIA.

At Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Council meeting, held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, Aug. 2, at 11 a.m., the President, Mrs. Morrison, directed thoughts to Matthew 17: 20 — "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . ." and introduced Mrs. A. R. Lloyd, a Woman to Woman Evangelism panel member and C.W.F. representative on Dept. Home Missions and Evangelism, who led in the devotions. We were challenged to think earnestly on what is our mission in life. Surely it should be the worship of God and telling others of God.

A warm welcome was extended to all present, 184 representing 61 churches and visitors—Mrs. Clark (Hampden), Mrs. D. Hainsworth (Essendon) and Mrs. Nichol (East Malvern). The guest speaker, A. Avery (Field Officer, Dept. Home Missions and Evangelism) told of the current pattern of work through evangelism, stewardship, surveying and planning of programmes, 3-5 year plans, deputation work, etc.

No business arose from minutes or correspondence.

Mrs. Smith (Noble Park) led in prayer for families and friends of the late Mr. Washfold, Mrs. Leslie, Miss Baker, Mr. Lovell, Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Hooper, and for those ill in hospital — Mrs. Ploog, Mrs. Francis and Mr. Coventry. The President was pleased to inform Council that the new Supt. for Hospital Visitation Committee is Mrs. M. Weatherhead, and secretary, Mrs. O. Thodey. Woman to Woman Evangelism report was presented by Mrs. Amos, who asked that we pray for missions to be held at Preston, Colac (August), Horsham and Dandenong (September).

There was a reminder of "Bring and Buy" Day, September Council, Mrs. Haden, Supt. of General Dorcas, will be speaking on 3DB at 2.30 p.m. on Aug. 30. Following announcements, the meeting closed with singing C.W.F. hymn, and benediction. — E. M. Rankine, Sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The N.S.W. C.W.F. monthly meeting was held at City Temple on Friday, Aug. 2, 1963. Mrs. Dickson (President) was in the chair, and welcomed over 100 ladies, representing 29 churches.

The ladies from Pendle Hill C.W.F. led the devotions around the theme of 1 Cor. 13, and "What shall I give?"

Mrs. Dickson expressed appreciation to Mrs. Greenhalgh, and wished her well as she goes to a new ministry shortly with Mr. Greenhalgh. Mrs. Baker is unable to continue as Home Mission Supt., as Mr. Baker is retiring and moving away. Mrs. Dickson expressed appreciation to Mrs. Baker, too, for all she has done during years of service to the ladies. Mrs. A. Wilson was appointed as Home Mission Supt.

Announcements. — The W.C.W.F. Anniversary will be held at City Temple on Sept. 19, at 1.30 p.m. Classes for training in public speaking will commence at Epping Church of Christ

on Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. E. T. Hart will be leading these. There will be a B.&F.B.S. rally at Chapter House on Sept. 12, at 11 a.m.

Social Service Committee. — Mrs. Cosh reported that four stalls had been held during the month, raising £80. £552 had been received for the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. A number of ladies had helped with a naturalisation ceremony at the Town Hall, preparing afternoon tea.

Mr. Cameron ("Gideons International") was special speaker for the day, bringing a very interesting and informative talk on how New Testaments are distributed to the High Schools, and Bibles placed in hotel and motel rooms. Over 53 million copies of the Word of God had been distributed in 60 countries to date. Mr. Cameron asked for prayer as this work continues and grows toward the time of being self-supporting in Australia. Meeting closed with hymn and benediction.—J. Torode, Asst.-Sec.

In a 2 CH broadcast on July 14, 1963, W. J. E. LEWIS urges . . .

For Example's Sake, Don't Drink!

When one stops to think that there is an estimated number of 300,000 alcoholics in Australia, it seems almost incredible that Governments, instead of doing their best to cope with this alarming situation, seem to be encouraging those who are responsible for the tragedy to go ahead and increase this army of unfortunates.

The N.S.W. Government has recently abolished the tea-break in the hotels, thus affording greater facilities for men to spend their time and money in drinking, instead of going from their work to their waiting wives and children. It does not need a great stretch of imagination to realise how much, in many homes, the wives and little ones suffer.

If one discusses the question of alcoholic beverages with friends or acquaintances, nearly all will admit that the liquor traffic is an evil, responsible for murder, suicide, broken homes, broken lives, fatal accidents, and many crimes. I believe that if the members of the Christian Churches were really in earnest in doing what they are supposed to be doing, helping the forces of righteousness in the fight against evil, there would be such an upheaval of public opinion that our politicians would be forced to act.

The trouble is that while many church people know that drink is a curse, they try to make a compromise with the Lord, as though they would say, "Lord, we know that drink is an

evil, but we will just take it moderately, not too much." This attitude puts me in mind of the story of a Negro talking to a friend of his, and he said, "Oh, I'm awfully tempted, dreadfully tempted." "Well, how are you tempted?" "Oh, I'm tempted to steal, dat's where I'm tempted; tempted to steal, can't resist. Why, I went into a boot and shoe store de odder day. Dere was a handsome pair of boots; handsomest pair of boots I eber saw in my life; dem was bery expensive boots, dem was; de best boots I ever set my eyes on. And I wanted 'em. The debbil says 'Take 'em,' and de Lawd says 'Leave 'em alone.' Now what was I going to do? I wanted dem boots. Debbil says 'Take 'em,' and de Lawd says, 'Let 'em alone.' Dat's two to one; we is in cl'ar majority, and I don't know what to do. So I jes made a compromise with de Lawd, and took a cheap pair of shoes off another shelf and walk off wid 'em."

This story is funny, but I think it illustrates the attitude of many Christians to the liquor business. You may say, "Well I'm only one, and it won't make much difference if I take a drink now and then." How do you know? Your example may mean the difference between someone you know taking the downward course to alcoholism, or being a sober, respected and useful member of the community.

When a young man of 21, I was teacher in a small outback school on the River Darling. When the first

holidays came I went to Broken Hill, pushing a bike the 70 miles between Minindee and that city. While there I met the headmaster of one of the big schools there. He said to me, "It must be pretty lonely out there on the River; come round to my hotel and meet some of our teachers who board there with me." I was glad to accept his invitation, and we sat in the sun on the hotel balcony, and after some conversation, one of the men suggested calling for beer. I told them I was a teetotaler, and was immediately made the subject of a lot of friendly banter, and after a lot of argument told them that one reason for my abstinence from alcohol was the example I might set to the pupils in my charge, and to all I came in contact with.

The headmaster said, "Well, for the sake of argument, I've been taking the side against you, but now I'd like to tell you and you other fellows that I have been a teetotaler for years for the very same reason, namely that of example, and I'll tell you why. When I was a young fellow doing university work, there were a dozen of us who indulged in sport, and went on walking excursions together, and when we met, we invariably had drinks; that was our custom, with the result that sometimes at the end of the day we went home the worse for liquor. Now of all those mates, I am the only one who has not been brought to disgrace or an untimely end as an alcoholic. One day, I found myself asking the question, how much did

my influence contribute to broken hopes and lives, and there and then decided, for the sake of example, to say goodbye to alcohol, a decision I've since had many an occasion to be glad of."

Upton Sinclair, in his remarkable book, *The Cup of Fury*, tells the tragic story of the drinking people he had known; two score went to their doom, eleven as suicides. Many of these were brilliant writers and poets, and included two well-known women celebrities.

Jack London, one of the most widely read writers of his day, published in 1913, the year before World War I, a little book called *John Barleycorn*. It was a gallant work, in which he told the story of a life of wild drinking, beginning, incredibly enough, at the age of five, and continuing more than thirty years. In this work he described "The long sickness," and "The white logic," respectively, the pessimism and the scepticism produced by alcoholism, and when he came to the end, he summed up his conclusions with these words: "Mine is no tale of a reformed drunkard, and I have not reformed. No, I shall take my drink on occasion. With all the books on my shelves, with all the thoughts of the thinkers, shaded by my particular temperament, I have decided, coolly and deliberately, that I should continue to do what I have been trained to want to do. I will

drink, but oh, more skillfully, more discreetly than ever before. Never again will I be a peripatetic conflagration." Thus proudly Jack London concluded his story. He went on with his drinking "more skillfully, more discreetly," for two or three years, and then at the age of 40, he gave his last word on the subject of liquor by taking his own life.

When I was a young man of 19, my most intimate friend was a young chemist. We went swimming and played cricket together, being in the same Waverley Junior Association team as the late Hanson Carter, who later toured England as wicketkeeper with the Australian Eleven.

My chum's father was an alcoholic, and he told me he would never take liquor because of the misery it had brought to his own home, and that he would be afraid to take a drink. I asked why, and he said he felt he had inherited the craving for alcohol from his father, because sometimes he felt an almost overwhelming impulse to drink.

When the Boer War broke out he joined the Army Medical Corps and went to South Africa with the Australian force, and was mentioned in dispatches for his bravery in dressing wounded under fire. When he returned, I went to see him, and in the course of conversation, asked him

if he was still a teetotaler. He looked a trifle embarrassed and replied, "Well, no, I take a drink now and then, but I know when to stop." But he didn't, and inside six months had lost two good jobs as dispensing chemist for two large city firms because of his drinking. You see, his first few drinks had brought to life the germ of the craving, which ended in his becoming an alcoholic like his father.

To commence drinking alcoholic liquor is to start on a devious path, beset with peril, and those, who by their influence and example, are gully of helping young people to follow this path, must surely merit the condemnation of the Lord, who gave his life to save men from sin. I suppose the devil has no agent more likely to make men sin than the dreadful business known as the liquor traffic. The forces of evil are strong in our land and, indeed, all over the world, so let us play our part with God's guidance, in supporting all that counts for righteousness, remembering that the Bible assures us that — "Righteousness exalteth a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people."

I would warn our young people especially, to beware of that devil's trap, the social glass, which he has used to lure millions of lives to their doom down through the centuries, and is still using it in these days, as we all know, with dreadful results.



When the Horizon Is Clear

C. F. Kemp.

Everyone has moments of doubt, confusion, uncertainty. Even Martin Luther said, "Sometimes I believe and sometimes I doubt." This is not surprising. The important thing is we also have moments of faith, experiences where God is real, our efforts for the right are worthwhile and the Christian faith is true. Most of the people who consult their pastor about their doubts and uncertainties can also relate experiences of confidence and faith. One is just as real as the other. The question is which are we going to live by.

Rufus Jones, famed Quaker philosopher, used to use an illustration which was proposed to help such

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people. He told of their summer cottage up in Maine that was located on a lake. Across the lake was a range of mountains and the view of lake and the mountains was very beautiful. On a clear day they delighted in showing this view to their friends. But the atmospheric conditions had to be just right. On some days a haze would be on the horizon and a fog would settle over the lake. On these days when the clouds were low the mountains were not visible at all.

This, he said, was a parable of life. Some days when conditions are just right we see clearly, we know our ideals are worthwhile, there are great possibilities within our own souls. God is real and God is love. There are other days when a haze settles on the horizon of our lives, when a fog seems to descend on our souls. But the vision we see when the horizon is clear is the one that presents the truth. The mountains are there whether the fog obscures them or not, and sooner or later the fog lifts, the sun shines through and we see clearly again. So, he said, we must preserve those moments when life seems most worthwhile, when God seems close — and live

by them, for they are real.—The Christian.

Time

The idea and experience of time has always intrigued the mind of man. Our great grandfathers reckoned time by the sun, the moon, and the changing seasons. "I'm taking a trip next summer," they'd say. Then in the spring they'd turn around and plant their cabbage by the moon. They let time flow through them, like a slow-moving stream, and never once thought of pushing the stream faster or damming it up.

Because of this relation toward time, they had the patience of the good earth and, with all their hardships, they never heard of a neurosis.

Our attitude towards time is something different. We cut it up in tiny segments so it can be embraced. We corner it and squeeze the last second from the rising of the sun until the going down of the same — and far into the night. Thus the Indians call the clock "the white man's god."

Arnold Bennett called time "the stuff of which life is made," and

wrote a book on **How to Live on Twenty-four Hours a Day.**

Percival White, in his **The Almighty Minute**, makes this wise observation: "Art we slight, poetry we abandon, religion we pass by. Health we neglect, beauty we disdain, love we mock. But time we worship . . . Ask the man of the hour for anything tangible, and you will find him generous. Ask him for his time and you will find him a churl . . ."

I particularly like what an old sun dial had to say of time when I was a boy: "Time is too slow for those who wait; too swift for those who fear; too long for those who grieve; too short for those who rejoice; but for those who love time is not."—**F. J. Pippin**, in **The Christian**.

Homely Stewardship

A. M. Pennybacker.

Some Christians find that giving one-tenth is a good basis for their sacred portion. The tithe has its origin in the long ago, at least as far back as Old Testament times. It was a legal requirement in Judaism. Tithing should be a goal for those who at present give less, and an amount to be exceeded by those who can give a tenth easily.

One of my first lessons in Christian tithing and stewardship came from one of my grandmothers. She was loved and respected by all the community. Even though she could no longer attend the church services, she kept in conscious relation with the life of her church.

One of the ways in which she kept in touch was by regular giving, which in those days, in that church, was every three months. She was a "shut-in" but not shut off from the church. One of my earliest memories was the visits of the church stewards "to collect the quarterage." My grandmother would go to the high chest of drawers in her room, open the upper right hand drawer, take out an old purse and from it take several bills and give them to the callers. There was a sense of joy in her actions and I wondered then what was so pleasant about giving money away.

But, you see, she was not "giving money away." She was worshipping God by investing some of his money directly in the work of the church. I asked her one day how it was that she always had money in the old purse in the upper right hand drawer. She put her arm around me and drew me to her, as she sat in her big chair by the window. She looked into my eyes and into my soul. I think, and said, "That money in the old purse is my tithe. Whenever I get my pension cheque from the government cashed, the first part I use

is my tithe. I put it there in the drawer and it is ready and waiting when the Lord needs it."

Yes, the proportionate giver has money ready and waiting when opportunities come to support God's Kingdom directly. The fun that comes out of this kind of giving and practical worship will cause the Christian steward to increase the proportion as rapidly as he can.

My other grandmother was in different circumstances. She had little or no "hard cash." About all the money she handled was from the sale of eggs.

On one of my visits, I noticed a large calendar hanging in her kitchen above the table on which she kept her egg basket. In the corner of each square for the date of the Sundays were other numbers pencilled in by my grandmother's hand. I asked her what the pencilled numbers meant.

She said, "Well, you see, I am sort of in business with the Lord. I don't have much regular income except what I get from the sale of the eggs. So, I decided that the best way for me to be a good steward was to give the Sunday eggs. When grandpa brings in eggs on Sunday, I count them and put the number there. When they are sold, I keep out the amount that number of eggs sell for and give it to the Lord's work through the church."—**The Christian**.

THE BEATITUDES OF A LEADER

Blessed is the leader who has not sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going, and how to get there.

Blessed is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

Blessed is the leader who seeks for the best for those he serves.

Blessed is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.

Blessed is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

Blessed is the leader who marches with the group; who interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.

Blessed is the leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

Blessed is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.—**Melbourne's Manhood**.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

Do you believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus?

I do not mind answering this question. I do object to the answer being sometimes used as a test of a person's faith and standing in the Church. "He is quite sound," was said of one member, "he accepts the Bible account of the Virgin Birth." That is not an adequate test of a man's soundness. Roman Catholics accept most strongly the Biblical account of the Virgin Birth, but most of us would question their soundness in other respects.

There are many Christians who cannot accept the Gospel account of the birth of Jesus. Or is it wrong to call them "Christian"? Who is a Christian, anyway? A Christian is one who accepts Jesus the Christ as Saviour, and follows him as Lord.

At College one day, the lecturers were discussing three charges from three different places that the Virgin Birth was denied by College lecturers. We checked on each other, and found that we all accepted and all taught the doctrine of the Virgin Birth. But all were careful to distinguish between the Virgin Birth and the Incarnation. The Incarnation is the doctrine of the eternal Son of God being clothed with humanity. The Virgin Birth is the doctrine of the manner in which God came into our human life.

The way in which Jesus came into the world is not nearly so important as the fact that he did come, and that he now stands knocking at the door of every man's heart.

The evidence for the Virgin Birth is as good as we could expect it to be. If the records of Matthew and Luke were incorrect, they would surely have been soon denied by others who had been in contact with both Mary and Joseph. Luke, especially, was such a careful historian that the very nature of the doctrine would have caused this man of medicine to search the more deeply into the facts.

Yes, I believe in the Virgin Birth. This does not mean that I understand it. There are many things which puzzle me, and I know some good Christian men and women who cannot accept the doctrine because of problems raised by the science of genetics. Their place in the Church, however, does not depend upon their view of the Virgin Birth, but upon their trust in Jesus as the Son of the living God.

HERE AND THERE

Following on the receipt of the news of Dr. Jesse Bader's death in New York on Aug. 19, the following cable was sent to Mrs. Bader on behalf of the Australian brotherhood by our Federal Secretary: "Australian churches appreciative Dr. Bader's wonderful service. Brotherhood sends Christian love and sympathy in your bereavement." (sgd.) Stanton Wilson.

The next meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Association will be held at the Churches of Christ Centre on Monday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. K. Bowes, on World Conference on Faith and Order, held recently at Montreal, Canada. Lunch together at 1 p.m.

At the inner suburb of Tempe, Sydney, C. Sotiracos (a local milk bar proprietor) has given R. W. Holt (Church of Christ minister) the opportunity of conducting a discussion group with teenagers in his milk bar. Fourteen young men joined in the first of these groups on Aug. 21, and each made a contribution to the discussion, which linked such topics as "Surfing and Sharks" and "Motorists and Accidents" with the message of the gospel.

The church at Devonport, Tas., has been heartened by the response to the special Overseas Mission offering. The giving was arranged in an unusual way. B.S. scholars made special Native Hut Missionary Boxes, and one was given to each B.S. and church family. Two months later a special Missionary Sunday was held, and church and school brought their boxes and placed them under a palm tree beside specially arranged scenery. A total of £145 was contributed. This is in addition to the church budget for Overseas Missions, and a special £31 collected to defray the cost of Samuel and Japheth's visit during the last College vacation.

Dr. A. G. Elliott has tendered his resignation as minister of the church at Burwood, N.S.W., and has accepted the invitation of the Woolwich College Board to become Vice-Principal in a full-time capacity. It is expected that Dr. Elliott will take up his full-time appointment with the College in March, 1964.

Federal heads of Australian Churches have commended the nation-wide emergency appeal launched by Inter-Church Aid to help rebuild the earthquake-devastated city of Skopje, capital of Macedonia, in Yugoslavia. The Federal President of Australian Churches of Christ (G. V. Haigh) has written, "I heartily endorse the Aus-

tralian I.C.A. appeal for the alleviation of human need in Skopje." Inter-Church Aid, a part of the Australian Council of Churches, is seeking to raise £20,000 to provide housing and shelter for the survivors of the quake, who are at present living in tents. Contributions to the appeal may be made through local churches or direct to the I.C.A. Sec. in each State.

The framework of the hospital at Bunapas, New Guinea, is now being erected. The donors, Samuel Taylor Pty. Ltd., have requested, and the Federal Overseas Mission Board has agreed, that it be named the "Paternoster Memorial Hospital." This is a fitting tribute to the late Ira Paternoster's devoted service in promotional work for Missions. News of the decision was conveyed to Mr. Paternoster only a few weeks before his passing, and brought him great joy.

Reports from the latest series of quarterly Home Mission district prayer meetings, held in Victoria and Tasmania, indicate that once again the total in attendance will top the five hundred mark.

A notable brotherhood event in N.S.W. will be the opening of the new Library building at the Woolwich College on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3 p.m. The N.S.W. Conf. Pres., C. A. Saxby, will preside, and Principal A. W. Stephenson will turn the key.

Registration of members of Victorian-Tasmanian churches for the Half-Yearly Convention at Maryborough, on Sat., Sept. 7, should now be complete. Some, however, may have been prevented from registering by uncertainty regarding their movements on that date. If attendance now proves to be possible, these folk may make a late registration by immediately writing or phoning the Conference Secretary (W. W. Saunders) at the Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, phone 32-2446. The Convention has much to offer which should not be missed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Prentice, of Mitcham (Vic.) church, have been accepted by the Borneo Evangelical Mission as superintendents of the Children's Hostel, Jesselton, North Borneo, for one year.

Sunday, Aug. 18 was a day of thanksgiving to God for the church at Hornsby, N.S.W., to mark the commencement of the ministry of R. Hilford after an absence of 14 weeks because of a coronary occlusion. V. Dallinger (church elder) presided at the 11 a.m. service, and welcomed Mr.

Hilford back. Mr. Bartholomew led the church in a prayer of thanksgiving for the minister's recovery and return. A full chapel shared in the thanksgiving gospel service. The Girls' Life Brigade and Boys' Brigade held their monthly parade and shared in the service. Mr. Fennell, on behalf of the Y.P., expressed a word of welcome to Mr. Hilford. Miss P. Hynes (Lieut. in G.L.B.) and J. Laidlaw (Lieut. in B.B.) read the lessons. Ten nurses from the Hornsby Hospital were present in uniform, and Nurse J. Borham brought two messages in song. Mr. Hilford was in this hospital for six weeks. Mr. Hilford spoke at both services.

Dr. Richard Halverson, 4th Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., will be guest preacher at the morning worship service, Latrobe-terr., Geelong, Vic., on the occasion of the church's 106th anniversary, Nov. 3. Dr. Halverson will be visiting Australia at the time as leader of the Crusade to Men being held in New South Wales and Victoria. The Geelong service will be broadcast over 3GL, and other important arrangements are in hand.

The secretary of the Taree (N.S.W.) church has received a request from the National and Parliamentary Librarian at Canberra, for two copies of any publication of interest that was issued in connection with the Centenary Celebrations of the church in June. The request has been complied with. Two booklets published on that occasion and local papers giving a complete picture of the work have been forwarded.

A. B. Dowsett, an exit student of the Federal College of the Bible, will commence a full-time ministry with the Morwell-Traalgon circuit, Vic., at the beginning of 1964. It has been decided to cease separate meetings at Newborough, merging with the church at Morwell after nine years of very loyal and sacrificial service in that settlement. Newborough Bible School will continue to meet in the home of T. Skerry, formerly secretary of the church there. The church merger decision has been taken with the full endorsement of the Vic-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, as well as that of the circuit.

C.W.F. (Vic. & Tas.) Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. Thornbury C.W.F. will present the W.C.W.F. Birthday Service. Also, State Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Gillespie, will give special instruction on use and function of "S" Statistical forms — all secretaries and treasurers of all C.W.F. groups are invited to attend. The General Dorcas Society's annual "Bring and Buy" day will also be featured. This is the Society's main source of revenue, and every help would be appreciated.—E. M. Rankine, Sec.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

Discipleship

Arthur Thomas, Leslie Osborn, Norman Dutch, Mrs. P. Tunbridge, Evelyn Blundahl, Subiaco, W.A.
 Mrs. R. Paton, Beaufort-st., Perth, W.A.
 A. Sherwell, Naracoorte, S.A.
 Helen Nicholls, Chatswood, N.S.W.
 Mrs. Hogan, Mitcham, Vic.
 Elizabeth Stimson, Peter Hine, Epping, N.S.W.
 Susan Youl, Ian Steele, Box Hill, Vic.
 Joy Brayshaw, Enmore, N.S.W.
 Mrs. M. Swift, Wangaratta, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. Marshall, from Lenswood; Miss Rosenzweig, from Berri, to Naracoorte, S.A.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Norling, David and Jennifer, from North Sydney to Epping, N.S.W.
 Mrs. Woodman, from Annerley; Mr. Jones, to Redcliffe, Qld.
 Mr. and Mrs. Westmore and John, Rochester to Shepparton, Vic.
 R. Baker, Swanston-st., Melbourne, Vic., to Enmore, N.S.W.

Marriage

Juanita Jeremiah to Trevor Cole, Drumcondra, Vic.
 Patricia Alves to Les. Anderson, Essendon, Vic.
 Valma Tranter to Dennis Vincent, Footscray, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. P. Grant, Beaufort-st., Perth, W.A.
 R. J. Browning, Mrs. A. Berlin, Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.
 Miss F. Prior, Drumcondra, Vic.
 Mr. Crouch, Clovelly Park, S.A.
 Mrs. L. Andrews, Enmore, N.S.W.
 Mrs. Finemore, Wangaratta, Vic.

QUEENSLAND

Abilon (M. H. A. Pleper). — Guest speakers during Aug., S. W. Van-

ham (Social Service), H. F. Gross, B.A. (Federal Board of Christian Education) and Dr. A. G. Elliott (Vice-Principal, Woolwich Bible College). All-Age Sunday School becoming firmly established, with approximately 40 adults attending. Sunday services continue well attended, and show slight increase compared with average attendances for same period during 1962.

Ann-st., Brisbane (L. G. Read). — Members gave good support to 1963 Festival of Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Plough in the Show Ground on Aug. 11, during Exhibition Week. Guest speakers on 11th were: V. C. Stafford (Dir., Fed. Board Christian Ed.) and D. W. Mansell (Youth Dept. Direc.). Mr. Mansell was also the speaker at a basket tea arranged by the C.Y.F. Because of advancing years, L. Larsen has resigned from the eldership. The Board regretfully accepted this, but has asked him to continue the ministry of greeting people in chapel porch. Mrs. A. Berlin, a staunch member, has passed away at age of 92, also R. J. Browning, who was a seriously disabled war veteran, but maintained constant cheerfulness.

Gatton (A. Rae). — Eighth anniversary services of church July 27-28, with H. Jones (Gymple) as speaker. Good meetings all through, with two decisions on Sunday night; also one decision two weeks prior to anniversary. Church recently farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and family, who have gone to live at Oakey, and Jeffrey Strong, gone to work at Brisbane. Mary Graham now serves the Lord full-time at Norseman Mission. Church is planning missionary project. Overseas Mission offering, £579. Combined women's prayer meeting on 25th, with 102 present. Cottage prayer and Bible study meetings continue to be well attended and are proving a time of blessing.

Wellington Point (W. H. Nightingale). — Av. of 7 at communion services. O.M. offering, £5/5/-, and £3/6/- for Aborigines. Minister, as hospital chaplain, regularly visits Redland's Bay and Bay View Hospitals, where an average of 43 patients are contacted. Communion services also conducted.

Redcliffe (F. Lelvelsey). — Mr. and Mrs. Burdeu showed slides and spoke on Aboriginal work at a gospel service. Two members received into fellowship. Attendances at all services well maintained. Y.P.S.C.E. held successful social evening. Three new scholars added to B.S. Extensions, renovations and painting of building

nearing completion. Mr. and Mrs. D. Mansell and family visited 9 a.m. service, when D. Mansell addressed church. E. Enchelmaier and G. Owen speakers at services on 18th. Number of visitors welcomed.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Morawa (K. Turner). — Film, *Son of Man*, screened recently to a good number. J. Mickelson assisted with services whilst minister was in Perth. C.W.F. held "at home," with guest speaker, Mrs. Robertson (Social Service deaconess), accompanied by Mrs. Woodward. Apron parade held during the evening, and general stall amounting to £21. Fred Dawson and David Stewart (Aerial Missions) held meeting, Aug. 9, and assisted with services on Lord's Day. At evening service two Y.P. made initial decision.

Beaufort-st., Perth (Dr. L. E. Jones). — B.S. concert, first for some years, stimulated interest in school work and raised over £10 toward equipment. C.W.F. held successful "at home" at home of Mrs. Beck, when work of New Hebrides Missions was presented by slide and tape by Mrs. J. Gordon. At P.S.A. on 11th, K. Beazley, M.H.R., brought helpful and thought provoking address on *The Position of Aborigines Under the Commonwealth and the States Today*.

South Perth (G. W. Wood). — During preceding four Sunday evening services a total of 10 have obeyed their Lord in baptism, and in that period 13 have received the right hand of welcome into the church. All services are well attended, and a spirit of godly enthusiasm is apparent in all phases of the work. Much gratitude has been felt for the considerable progress in recovery of minister's wife, who has practically resumed all her normal and busy home routine. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood (West Preston), who have been with us for some months during their daughter-in-law's sickness, have now returned to Victoria. On Aug. 15, the church, together with representatives of the C.I.M. and Perth B.I., combined in a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Don Byrne and baby, from the Philippines. Aged sister, Mrs. McDiarmid, is in Bethesda Hospital.

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Enthusiastic group gathered at midweek meetings for seven studies on *Personal Evangelism*. Record offering of £413 for O.M. Mr. Booter, an isolated member, passed away recently. Two decisions recently. Interesting letters

from Living Link (Miss Thea Lake) received. C.W.F. welcomed Mrs. Lloyd Jones as speaker. Christmas parcel for Miss Lake being arranged by Mrs. Yeates. G. Wood brought an appreciated message. Happy Hours with Miss M. D. Wilcox (Child Evangelism Fellowship). Panel consisting of R. Vincent and L. Thomas spoke on Life's Aims, at men's service. Prayer committee, led by Mrs. Digwood, brought devotions to C.W.F.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Beverly Hills (R. W. Beadle). — Church held its annual missionary meeting and display on July 27, when A. Scott and E. Roffey brought missionary challenge. Fine display of Mission goods included complete wardrobes of new clothing for two 15-year-old girls, 20 new skirts, 27 articles of household linen as well as medical, school and sewing requisites. Overseas Missions offering of £125 was highest yet. C.M.S. sponsored successful cooking demonstration and musicale, which raised £16 for society funds. Miss Edna Lincoln, home on furlough from Carnarvon, has been welcome visitor. Special Education Sunday service was observed when church's eight teacher-members conducted the meeting. Av. attendances: a.m. 80; p.m. 75.

Burwood (Dr. A. G. Elliott). — Visit of New Hebridean students, Samuel and Japheth, at youth tea and gospel service, Aug. 4, attracted large gatherings. On morning of 4th, Mr. Scott (B. & F. B. S.) speaker. A.C.E. Missionary Target is gaining momentum. Cottage meetings in connection with A.C.E. held in homes. On 13th, ladies had successful Fellowship Day at the manse. B.S. anniversary services conducted on Aug. 18. Singing was led by Mr. Hayward, and speakers were Mr. Larcombe and Dr. Elliott.

Chatswood (R. Greenhalgh - S. Thomas). — During a recent morning worship service, R. Greenhalgh conducted a play presentation for G.L.B., and Mrs. Hensby sang the consecration hymn. At Aug. after-church fellowship supper, Mr. Greenhalgh was farewelled, prior to his taking up the work at Adelaide. His interim ministry has been greatly appreciated and highlights have been the thought-provoking gospel messages. Mr. Thomas has been leading the Y.P. and baptised two on 18th. Mr. and Mrs. David Verco have been welcomed home after educational service in England. Their son, Geoffrey, was farewelled, also Peter Graham, both of whom are taking further studies in U.S.A. Miss Betty Anderson was guest speaker on 19th, and showed slides of work in New Guinea. C.W.E.F. meeting heard about the

Save the Children Fund from Sydney representative, Mrs. Mackay. At church picnic at Bobbin Head, on 17th, old and young enjoyed delightful fellowship. Turrumurra group have received local council's permission and have erected sign on site of the proposed new church building. Among recent visitors from interstate was Miss Merle Peacock (W.A. Youth Dept.).

Inverell (R. Powell). — To conclude July emphasis on Overseas Mission work, gifts brought for the Mission box for New Hebrides were displayed in chapel. Special display unit was obtained from O.M. Dept. O.M. offering was £103. Education Sunday was observed on Aug. 4, when morning service was broadcast. A number of hymns suggested by the Education Dept. and taught to school children were used during broadcast. Children attended in school uniform. Boys' and girls' club has record number of members, new ones being welcomed almost every week. Club recently enjoyed scavenger hunt, after conducting business and devotional portion of meeting. Teens Fellowship continuing regular teas in church members' homes. A number of Friday night socials and outings have been incorporated in future plans. Mrs. Powell is pres. C.W.F. Ladies have undertaken to support a child on the Overseas Mission field.

Taree (V. T. Parker). — Church gained profit through visit of New Tribes Mission on Aug. 1. A four-man team, led by Harold Jackson, brought an interesting story on Missions which challenged. Church has been encouraged through three recent decisions and baptisms. Miss Betty Anderson spent five days in the Manning River district. Her address at morning service on 4th, together with her messages at ladies' meetings at Wingham and Taree, brought Overseas Mission work to forefront of members. There have been some liberal gifts to Overseas Missions not included in distribution from funds of Planned Giving Programme.

Epping (H. M. Long). — One decision p.m. Aug. 4. Guest preachers have been J. Martin (Paddington) and V. T. Cook, who told of work of South African General Mission. G.M.S., with assistance of B.S. teachers, held working bee, to paint interior of hall. Baptismal service conducted p.m. 11th.

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers). — Brick-laying of youth hall finished, roof in position and part of floor laid. Preparations for Sept. mission well in hand. Special prayer meetings well attended, and visitation carried out. Two young men and a young lady have made their stand for Christ. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Morris in loss of her mother; Mr. Morris in loss of his father; and Mrs. Robyn

Hawkins in serious illness of her baby son. Visiting speakers have included Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (Oriental Missions, India), who screened Pilgrim Pathways, F. Freckleton (Social Service Committee), Miss Betty Anderson (New Guinea) and P. E. Thomas (Belmore).

Enmore (E. Shadbourne). — Church sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. A. Baker (retired from full-time ministry) but happy to welcome student preacher (E. Shadbourne) from Woolwich. He was received by elder (A. Williams) as minister of church. Y.P. club conducts early part of gospel service one Sunday of each month. B.S. in good heart under leadership of R. Baker as supt.

Hurstville (D. W. Holmes). — Enjoyable time spent by C.W.E.F. at sashen demonstration by Miss Daphne Heathcote. C.W.A.F. working to purchase microscope for use in New Hebrides. Interesting meeting held at manse, at which D. W. Holmes screened slides. Y.P. working on project to purchase manse for Indian Mission field; £10 raised on one Saturday by cleaning of members' cars. Y.P. combined with Caringbah Y.P. in conducting weekend house party at Wentworth Falls. Spiritually uplifting time culminated in two decisions for Christ. Enjoyable time also spent by Y.P. at barbecue at Warragamba Dam. S. Robertson recovered after accident and Aub. Bolln progressing after surgery.

Tempe (R. V. Holt). — C.W.F. accumulated many gifts of clothing, quilts, etc., for Aborigines Mission Christmas parcel. Ladies have spent many hours doing this work. J. Kemsley has accepted a further term as B.S. supt. and Diane Price has been elected sec. of Teens club, with Helen Adams, treas.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Prospect (A. J. Griffiths). — Annual business meeting of church held in August, when appointments were made to positions of elder, deacon and deaconess. Reports were submitted by minister, sec., treas. and group auxiliaries. Progress report was also made on additions and renovations to chapel. Conf. Pres. (S. R. Beck) spoke at evening service, July 28, theme being Road Safety. Y.P. shared tea with Baptist Y.P. in July, when the Baptist minister spoke on the Islamic way of life.

Aldgate Valley - Stirling East. — Dawn Norton almost recovered from car accident, and Mrs. Choate continues to improve. Church meeting held to discuss B.S. work at both centres. Valley B.S. held pasty social, with 70 attending, and raised £65/- for Plano Fund. Youth work continues and Y.P. have project on hand to

re-surface tennis courts. Half-yearly business meeting on 6th well attended; favorable reports from all auxiliaries.

Berri (H. E. Greenwood). — Good progress on new building. All youth groups on parade, Aug. 4. C.Y.F. acted playette, Standard of Living. Attendances improving. During the month 3 new members have been added. Mrs. Fax (Pres., S.A. Women's Conf.) addressed Berri Fellowship, 15th. C.W.F. donated £25 to Overseas Missions and £25 to Home Missions. Mr. Greenwood, who is pres. of Aust. Protestant Council, Melb., attended the annual meeting.

Clovelly Park (J. C. Cunningham). — Youth tea on July 14 addressed by G. Mathieson, prior to his leaving for New Hebrides. Then in youth service, Miss B. Burt and H. Mimel gave testimonies of how Christ met them in a new way this past Easter-time. E. Paddick (Temperance Alliance) spoke on 21st. C.Y.F. had visit from Flying Squad on 27th. Special service 28th, with children from Colebrook Home to see Billy Graham film, Touch of Brass. There were 2 decisions. Combined C.E. meeting, with Miss Lynne Newell (W.E.C.), who showed slides of work in Indonesia. C.W.F. had visit from J. Baker, Hospital Chaplain. O.M. offering has increased vastly over last year.

Murray Bridge (H. Cave). — Group of ladies representing H.M. Dept., visited combined Fellowships on 13th; 43 were present and happy fellowship was enjoyed. Programme began with a luncheon. Mrs. Cave welcomed the visitors, who were Miss Hart, Mesd. Fax, Outlaw, Bowden, Kruger, Bull, Hoskin, F. Lewis and Graham. Mrs. Fax (State Women's Conf. Pres.) spoke briefly. At meeting later, Mrs. Bull, leader of Committee, spoke on H.M. work. Mrs. Bowden presided and Mrs. Hoskin was pianist. The visitors sang two items. An offering of £4 was received. Afternoon tea-time was for mingling, and news from city churches was sought.

Naracoorte (E. O. Stevens). — Annual business meeting held July 26; elders elected were: W. Davie, A. G. Dinning and A. J. Wardle; deacons: R. Cocks, R. Gericke, G. Jurgens, K. Verco; deaconesses: Sis. Burford and Collins. Mr. Catchpole (Scripture Union) spoke at both services on Aug. 4. On 11th, Mr. Paddick (Temperance Alliance of S.A.) brought message at gospel service. At C.W.F. meeting on 13th, Mrs. R. Gericke showed slides taken on tour of N.Z. Several members visited Tarpcena for birthday celebrations on 14th. Men from South-Eastern churches, and visitors from across Vic. border met on 10th for tea, followed by film. Guest speaker was A. Glastonbury, and devotions were led by Dean Sander (Mt. Gambler).

Beulah-rd., (R. Clymer). — Two young men from membership class confessed faith in Christ. O.M. offering amounted to £150. Bowl used in Freedom From Hunger Campaign contained about £30. Mr. Hoffman and Des. Milne have had treatment in hospital, and Mrs. Hancock still sick. C.W.F. had devotions and choral service with ladies at Christian Rest Home. Aborigine Committee conducted C.W.F. meeting on Aug. 7. After-church monthly fellowship meeting took form of discussion on T.A.B. betting. Teenagers combined with Eastern District after-church fellowship meeting, when about 90 had a singalong and fellowship meeting together at Beulah-rd.

VICTORIA

Yarrowonga (R. Oke). — Mrs. Oke was speaker at Women's World Prayer Fellowship, held in chapel. W.C.T.U. North Eastern Conference was held in chapel Aug. 7, with Mrs. Soderstrom (Gen. Sec.) as speaker. On 10th, six carloads of Wangaratta Y.P. joined Yarrowonga Y.P. in a social squash night at Mrs. Taylor's home. A Y.W.F. has been formed, meeting monthly, on a Sat. evening. Miss S. Chappell is home after surgery in a Melbourne hospital.

Hartwell (G. A. Whiting, B.A., M.R.E., Ed.D.). — All services well attended, much interest being shown. C.Y.F. active; one of their number made confession on 11th. J. Wise (C.O.B.) addressed morning service on 4th, and K. Barton preached at gospel service while minister was at Kaniva. Choir resumed service under leadership of N. Monson. Soloists have been Mesd. Willing, Pearce, Messrs. C. Baker, L. Williams. Visitors during month: Mr. Watson (Qld.), Mr. and Mrs. R. Morfeff (Hobart). Sympathy expressed to relatives of late Mrs. A. McGregor on her sudden Home call.

Norlane (B. White). — First special film service in July was attended by over 135; many were children, but a number of adults were present as a result of visitation and personal invitations. The following Sunday night a married woman made her decision. The Friendly Hour was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gliszczynski, where approx 30 gathered for fellowship. Individual items were given by Mrs. Pope and Mr. Gliszczynski (in Polish). Chapel full for kinder. session of the S.S.A. on Aug. 4. Miss Earl spoke to the children. Good attendance at night, when R. Watt (Belmont) gave illustrated talk. Good attendances on 11th, when speakers were Mr. Oliver (Baptist) and B. White. Scholars sang extremely well.

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — Two C.W.F. representatives were present at Social Service luncheon on July

26. C.M.S. attended Inter-Church men's rally at Presbyterian. C.W.F. held a jumble sale on 30th, resulting in £26. District H.M. prayer rally at Footscray on 6th, had 29 in attendance. C.W.F. visited North Williamstown Missionary Group birthday on 13th. Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. Loft and Mrs. Stotten in loss of their fathers.

Morwell - Newborough - Traralgon (L. G. Armstrong). — First weekend in Aug. was made memorable by visit of 40 Y.P. from West Preston church. Arriving on Sat., they spent a happy social evening with Teens Timers. A group led morning service at Morwell, whilst remainder visited Traralgon church, helping that service. C.E. meeting was led by West Preston, after which a youth tea was held. Gospel service was conducted by visitors, bringing to a close a wonderful experience of fellowship and inspiration. B.S. anniversary was on 11th, with kinders and primary in afternoon. Senior school sang hymns of praise to capacity-filled chapel at night. Guest speaker was H. Preston (Traralgon). Two Y.P. made their stand for Christ.

Blaek Rock (P. Payne). — Two welcomed into membership by transfer, Aug. 4. Final totals announced of £40 each for Overseas Missions and Freedom From Hunger, in addition to budget allocation. C.M.S. and Explorers participated in wood chopping for elderly folk in Fitzroy area. Minister giving First Aid lectures to Explorers. Church appreciates Mrs. Ede (Praran) leading Good Companions, with Mrs. D. McCubbin (Cheltenham) assisting. Mrs. McCubbin is recovering after illness.

Mount Evelyn (J. Dow). — Work continues in heartening manner. Av. B.E. has risen to 35, and gospel meetings are well maintained. Overseas Mission offering was over £100, a record for the small membership. Young man was immersed and received into membership. Parcel for Aborigines contained an assortment of useful gifts.

Drumcondra (R. A. Banks). — G.L.B. held church parade at morning service, July 29. Offering for parcels for missionaries amounted to £6/9/-. Ladies attended Social Service luncheon in Melb., 26th. Fellowship tea, catered for by C.W.E.F., and half-yearly business meeting held on Aug. 7. Reports of work encouraging and offerings have been well maintained. Film, Just a Stranger, was screened as a fitting culmination of the special "Lay - Evangelism" studies just completed. Open Night enjoyed at C.W.E.F. meeting, when Mrs. Edmonds showed slides of trip to Scotland. Cottage prayer meetings being held for ensuing two months before proposed mission in Oct. W.M.B. sent 2 parcels of baby clothes to Narrogin Native Mission, W.A.,

and 2 cartons of clothing to United Aborigines Mission. They also sold £14 worth of buttons for Aborigines Advancement League. Discipleship classes being conducted each week by minister. Members attended quarterly H.M. prayer rally held in Geelong chapel. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Max Douglas, and loved ones, in loss of mother, and to relatives of late Miss F. Prior.

Berwick (K. A. Mason). — Audio-visual, Albert Schweitzer, screened Aug. 4 at gospel service. Midweek fellowship is proving of value in Bible study and prayer. Adult counsellors have been appointed in C.Y.F. Explorer club now has 19 on roll, with average attendance during winter of 11. Church has missed faithful attendance of elders, Messrs. Meyer and Aursch, due to illness. Church pleased to welcome back Sis. Edebohls after long absence due to accident. O.M. offering, £38.

Geelong (A. C. Caldicott). — Willis-Gadge team concluded meetings Aug. 11, after nearly 4 months' ministry in Geelong. Since close of mission at East Geelong, further additions have been registered at Latrobe-terr. Willis family were farewelled with a love gift of notes prior to leaving for Qld., where mission work will be continued. Mobil Oil Co. has graciously made available a house at East Geelong, where services of new cause will continue indefinitely. J. Small has been assisting in these meetings as preacher. Church intends erecting a new hall at East Geelong for future activities; 5 blocks of land already secured in Housing Commission area. Terrace church continues in good heart; objective of £1000 nearly reached this year in reduction of hall debt. Preparation for Woman to Woman evangelistic effort continues in great earnestness, with various committees in operation. Peter Pitts has taken a position at Launceston; Keith Morton and George Martin, Sydney, and Janet Rowe, England. Mrs. C. Bird has entered Geelong Hospital for surgery.

Mitcham (E. W. Heard). — Witness month being held during Aug., with special gospel services aimed at increasing evangelism of church. Messages of instruction by minister much appreciated. Church rejoices at Good Companions' success in recent competitions. Miss Randall returned to fellowship after long illness. B.S. children provided £5 towards flannel-graphs for Mr. and Mrs. Ludgater in New Hebrides. C.M.S. have debated Christian's Attitude to Total Abstinence, and are making toys for children in hospitals. C.W.E.F. celebrated 3rd birthday. Church welcomed Dr. Keith Bowes home, with special after-church meeting, at which Dr. Bowes spoke of his impressions of U.S.A. and answered various questions.

BIRTH

WAY (Morris). — On Aug. 15, at Kaniva, Vic., to Wendy and John, a daughter — Elizabeth Fiona. Sister for Jennifer.

DEATH

JACOBS (Watson). — On Aug. 15, at Oakleigh, Vic., Emily Jane, dearly loved mother of Gladys (Mrs. Hick), Darcy, Queenie (Mrs. Crouch), Daisy (Mrs. Bamford), Algie, Rosie (Mrs. Young), loving Nan of Jennifer. Aged 84 years. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

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Sunday, Sept. 22—

11 a.m., Speaker, F. B. Burtl, of S.A. (former minister).

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7 p.m., Commitment Service. Speaker, C. G. Taylor, B.A.

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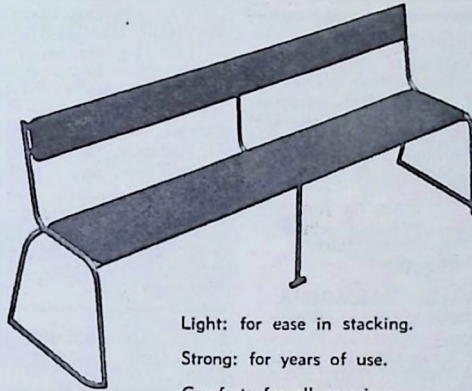
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Ira A. Paternoster.

Mr. Paternoster is gratefully remembered for ministries in Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania and New South Wales. He served as Federal Secretary for Overseas Missions and visited India in 1917. He has been President of State Conferences and of Federal Conference, Chairman of the N.S.W. Bible College Board and lecturer, as well as Life Member of the B. & F. B. S. and Vice-President of N.M.C.A. For 25 years Mr. Paternoster was Secretary of the N.S.W. Overseas Mission Committee, and was tireless in this service, fittingly honored by the present erection of the "Paternoster Memorial Hospital" at Bunapas, New Guinea. Nearly six years ago Mr. Paternoster retired from his full-time activities. Fruitful service was yet to follow — particularly at Chatswood. In March last year both Mr. and Mrs. Paternoster were admitted to the Royal North Shore Hospital. Mrs. Paternoster passed to be with her Lord, and Mr. Paternoster was never again able to spend more than a few days at a time in his home at Cammeray. Gene and Gayle administered faithfully and lovingly during that

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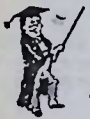
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life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and
was baptised in the Portland Baptist
Church by J. R. Cooper. Our late
sister was an active worker in almost
every aspect of Christian work, in
B.S., C.E., temperance work, and B.
and F. B. Society. In 1925, Miss
Wiltshire moved to Geelong with other
members of the family, and took up
membership with the Church of Christ
in that city. When the Drumcondra
cause was opened, she became a
foundation member and was a faith-
ful and loyal member until her
death. Despite ill health she was
present at the Lord's Table the Lord's
day before her death. Here, indeed,
was a woman of tremendous faith,
with a strong missionary zeal, faith-
ful to the end, loved by all who knew
her. After a service in the chapel,
her body was laid to rest in the West-
ern Cemetery, and so closed a strong
vital witness to the Christ and his
cause, a woman full of good works
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