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Preparing For Next Month's . . .

CRUSADE FOR MEN

Editor's Note.—While the following guest article concerns the Victorian phase of the Crusade for Men, workers in other areas, who are also preparing for the brief visit of Dr. Halverson and his team of American laymen, will find these comments of interest.

Local church leaders everywhere might well survey the men - women proportions in their own church's membership, and do their best to ensure a virile men's work at both local and State levels.

We commend the work of the Victorian Inter-Church Council of Men's Societies, which is headed by one of our own men, in the person of Neal Cheal.

During the 17 years of its existence, the Inter-Church Council of Men's Societies (a combine of the Societies of the six major Protestant churches in Victoria) has never observed the overall efficiency of their Societies at lower ebb than at the present time. Whilst several branches of each denomination are flourishing in courageous fashion, many other branches are weak and lacking virile leadership, and scores of branches have ceased to function altogether.

This decline in the activities of our Men's Societies is seen to be only a natural corollary of the marked decline in church attendance of the male sex throughout nearly all of our Protestant churches. We have reports that numerous churches in almost all of our denominations have many congregations with a female predominance of 90 per cent to 10 per cent male, whilst one at least of our six churches calculates that their overall attendances in Victoria are 85 per cent female, 15 per cent male. In fact, there are few individual churches, indeed, where men constitute 50 per cent of the congregation.

The Inter-Church Council has come to the conclusion that our men need

a rousing stir-up. For this purpose, they have called to their assistance Dr. Richard Halverson, a 47-year-old Doctor of Laws and Bachelor of Theology and Science, the Minister of the



Dr. Richard Halverson.

Fourth Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., the Editor of a weekly letter to men, and an outstanding evangelist who has toured the Orient on 11 occasions. Dr. Halverson will be accompanied by a group of 15

American laymen, who will assist him in this Crusade. He has had outstanding success in the conversion of men in other parts of the world, and now Victoria has the wonderful opportunity of hearing this learned teacher and Christian leader during the fortnight's tour arranged by the Council as follows:—

Tues., Oct. 29, 8 p.m., Festival Hall.
1st City Rally; Wed., Oct. 30, 1.15-1.45 p.m., Scots Church Rally; 8 p.m., Bendigo Rally — Town Hall; Thurs., Oct. 31, 8 p.m., Festival Hall, 2nd City Rally; Sun., Nov. 3, 11 a.m., Geelong — Divine Service, Church of Christ; 3 p.m., Geelong Rally; Mon., Nov. 4, 8 p.m., Wangaratta Rally; Tues., Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Traralgon Rally.

A massed men's choir will be in attendance both nights at Festival Hall.

The Council appeals to every Protestant man in Victoria to seize this opportunity and to assist—

- To restore the balance of the sexes in our church life.
- To revitalise our Men's Societies.
- To deepen the spiritual lives of our men and to wean many of them away from their absorption in selfish interests.

Whilst the Crusade is organised by laymen, ministers are appealed to for their full and necessary co-operation—

- To ensure that every church has appointed a Convener (or Crusade agent) who will be properly briefed in his important duties.
- In the nomination of men for counselling tuition, which will be conducted on Sunday afternoons in October. Continuity of counselling after the Crusade is planned to ensure that the Crusade results are of permanent effect.
- To pray for God's blessing on this unique effort to rebuild our Church with enthusiastic men.

Our Men's Societies in the local Churches have also an unparalleled opportunity for service to their church by reaching out to fringe men, and arranging to bring as many of such men as possible to attend one or more of the Dr. Halverson meetings. The youth of our churches from 14 years upwards must especially be contacted.

If your church has not yet appointed a Convener, or nominated any would-be Counsellors, the Crusade Secretary, Frank Bennett, 2 Gibson-st., Caulfield East (phone 211-2322), should be contacted without delay.



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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian"
of Sept. 25, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

A Visit to David Lloyd George.—On April 23 I left New York, bearing a letter from the American Christian Missionary Society to Hon. David Lloyd George, inviting him to attend our next General Convention at Toronto. On May 1 I called at the House of Parliament and, after a great deal of circumlocution and red tape and some diplomacy, I at last reached the private office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain. I found him a very modest and agreeable gentleman, quite unassuming and unostentatious, but bearing in every movement the evidences of that mighty force and power that make him today the highest embodiment of Christian civilisation to be found on the face of this earth . . . He said, "A very large part of the economic and social principles I am pressing upon the English people I have obtained from reading the writings of Alexander Campbell."

Church Entertains Builders. — On Sept. 9 the church at Carnegie, Vic., entertained those who so graciously assisted in the building of the chapel. During the social programme the three members of the building committee were presented on behalf of the church by E. F. Ryall with a framed souvenir as a mark of our appreciation of their good work. Postcard souvenirs were presented to all the workers present.

Conference Picnic Washed Out. — The S.A. Conference Picnic could not be held, owing to the heavy rain on the 18th. But it was a glorious down-pour, over nearly all the agricultural portion of the State, and will mean tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling. It ought also to mean several more cheques for the Home Mission Fund. About 80 disappointed picnickers went to Grote-st. chapel, where they had lunch and a good time.

Items of Interest. — J. T. Train is a happy man. Sufficient money was donated and loaned without interest to the Church Extension Fund during the S.A. Conference to ensure the erection of the much needed chapel at Murray Bridge . . . The fine chapel erected by the brethren at Northcote, Vic., was opened on Sunday last, amid much rejoicing, with very large meetings and two confessions at night . . . H. G. Harward begins a mission on Sept. 28 with the brethren at Taree, in the Manning River District of N.S.W. G. E. Burns and the church have been doing good work in earnest preparation . . . E. G. Warren leaves South Australia this week for Fremantle, W.A. . . . W. J. Way has resigned from the work at Brunswick, Vic.

A Word About Woolwich

"A friend loveth at all times," and to all our friends we say, God bless you and thank you for helping us through all the formative years. Although Woolwich Bible College is now twenty-one, we still covet your prayers and support as the College assumes added responsibilities.

March 7, 1963, commemorated our 21st birthday, and just as one would remember the former years of growth, may I pen here the story of our College?

In 1941 the main building was secured. This large stone mansion is beautifully situated on the banks of the Lane Cove River. Here the Principal has his residence. There are class rooms, the dining hall and kitchen. There is a College office, and, in addition, rooms for some of the students. Several years later, the College purchased property next to the main building with a view to future expansion. One of the four flats in the building was taken over, the rest rented.

With the growth of the College, the other three flats were soon used by students and those associated in some way with the College.

In 1958, the Memorial Chapel was added, and provided an excellent centre for the development of the spiritual life of the students. At that time the growth of the College was beyond our expectations. It was then obvious that additional rooms were needed for the housing of the students. We were able to buy a large house and two blocks of land on the water-front. With the aid of the Men's Societies, this property was painted and repaired. With modern furnishings, the new addition was very attractive, and provided accommodation for up to fifteen men. Showers and toilets were added to the various buildings, at considerable cost.

To meet the needs of the large student body, the kitchen had to be enlarged, and the dining hall opened up to accommodate the students.

In 1941, A. R. Main, M.A., was the first Principal, assisted by A. W. Ladbrook, M.A., Dip.Ed., as part-time lecturer. A year or so later, Mr. Main retired and H. J. Patterson, M.A., became the Principal. Then in 1950, Mr. Ladbrook resigned to go to South Africa, and A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., was invited to take his place. With the return of Mr. Patterson to Victoria, A. W. Stephenson, M.A., was invited to become the Principal in 1951.

Over the years the College has been helped by several who have given lectures in various subjects. Former lecturers include R. V. Amos, I. A. Paternoster and L. K. Green. For

Ira Torode, Chairman of Board,
N.S.W. Bible College.

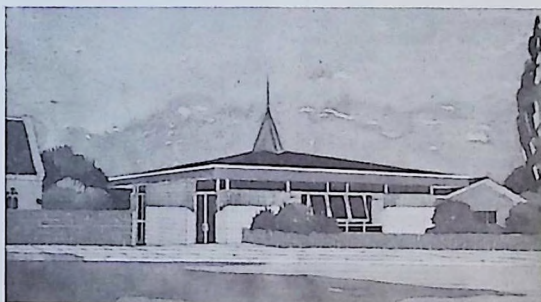
many years, C. Bowser has helped with New Testament Greek, R. Beadle in Homiletics, and E. Roffey, in Greek for a period, and then in recent years, in Missions and Comparative Religion.

Miss F. M. Ashwood made a large sum of money available to help men secure a better secular education. This enabled us to secure the assistance of Miss Mackaness, M.A., Dip.Ed. We have been able to help exit students studying at an Australian University.

We have been concerned about the standard of education of the ministry in this modern age. With the rising standards of education in the

taught at the University, more than two-thirds of the subjects will be taught at the College. This will require higher standards for the College. Additional work will be demanded from both lecturers and students. We shall still maintain the present diploma course for those who require such a qualification.

Over recent years, the number of students has averaged forty. With the raising of entrance standards, we are pleased with the number of young people who are coming forward with good qualifications. Many have been school teachers and have studied at Universities, giving up good financial prospects to prepare for the ministry. Each weekend all these young people go out to our churches to help in



New Library, N.S.W. Bible College.

community, we felt that the College must require higher qualifications from students. To enter the Bible Course, we have laid down that a man must gain passes in at least three Leaving subjects, including English. The course has been extended to four years. We have added as subjects in recent years Marriage Guidance and Psychology.

To meet our programme, we must now call as full-time Vice-Principal, Dr. A. G. Elliott. He will take over this new task at the beginning of 1964. This will require of the College Board funds to pay the additional salary. We must also find accommodation, which could involve the building or purchase of a suitable house.

Future plans include, more than likely, the associating of the College courses with the University of New South Wales. In this we shall be linked with other Colleges where men are trained for the ministry of the Church. While this course will not be required by all the students, those who have the qualifications may be able to gain a University degree. While some of the subjects will be

various spiritual activities. From time to time students conduct missions. At the College chapel each month, the men conduct an evangelistic service for the people in the district of Hunter's Hill.

At the present time, there are more men in the full-time ministry of Churches of Christ in New South Wales than ever before. Most of these men were trained at Woolwich. Last year, nine entered the ranks of the full-time ministry of the churches in this State. Many of the student churches have been built up, and have become full-time causes.

To mark our twenty-first birthday, the N.S.W. brotherhood will celebrate with us the opening of our new Library building on Sept. 28, 1963. This is an excellently designed and furnished building, designed by K. Sawdy, A.R.R.I.A. This, we hope, will soon be well stocked with suitable books, and will provide the basis for effective research work, so necessary for the education of men fitting themselves for the ministry of the Church.

All this points to the truth that the Hand of the Lord is upon this work at the College.

F. H. BALLARD urges moderns to voice the old prayer . . .

"HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF"

Straightway the father of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.—Mark 9: 24.

Some of us know what it is to have the gift of a little child. We know the wonder of it when the tiny body is first put into our arms, the thrill and pride when the child responds to our call, takes the first step and speaks the first word. Have you ever thought what it is to have a child who does not develop normally, who falls when he ought to walk and remains dumb when he ought to speak? That was the experience of the father about whom we read in our lesson. He could not tell how often he had been to a new doctor, and returned home poorer in pocket and sadder at heart — how many times he had prayed and assured himself that God would do something, and then instead of a miracle, there was another devastating attack. He had almost made up his mind that there was no hope and that he must bear his burden as patiently as possible.

And then someone told him about Jesus of Nazareth and his mighty works, and with hope struggling with fear he set out again. When he arrived at the appointed place Jesus was not there, and the disciples failed. Even when the Master did appear he seemed more concerned to ask questions than to give relief. And the tormented father, feeling that he could stand it no longer, cried out, "If you can do anything have compassion on us and help us." Jesus replied that it was not a question of his ability, but of the father's faith. And "straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

Other Troubles

Thank God if no such experience has come to you. But other troubles have. If it is not an abnormal child, it is a delicate wife, or a failing business or an inner conflict. Perhaps it is a conflict about religion. You were brought up to believe in God and Christ and the immortality of the soul, and you have gone out into a world where they are all denied. You go at least occasionally to church, but even as you share in acts of worship the mind is tormented with the question, "How can these things be?"

Let me remind you of another human cry — one that came from the lips of Simon Peter. Jesus had spoken about suffering and death

when people wanted him to speak about conquest, and in their disappointment many began to leave him. Saddened by such fickleness, Jesus turned to those who still remained and asked, "Will ye also go away?" Peter was ready with an answer, and the first part of it was a question, "To whom shall we go?" They could not go back to John the Baptist, for he was dead. To return to the synagogues would be like going to a wintry wind-swept cemetery after living in a spring orchard heavy with blossom. There was no practical alternative to it. And besides he had, and Peter knew that no one else had, the words of eternal life.

Let us adopt Peter's method and look not only at our troubles but at

The Alternatives.

The Bible opens with the magnificent yet perfectly natural leap of faith, "In the beginning God." All the creeds that are worth serious consideration do the same, "I believe in God the Father Almighty." At once the question arises, "How do you know there is a God?" You can't prove his existence. In the presence of contemporary affairs, is one not forced to say that if there is a God it is a God who hides himself? Very well, try the alternative. Tell yourself there is no God. Shout it wherever you see, or whenever you feel, evidence of religious faith. I can tell you in advance what will happen. Other disturbing thoughts will arise. How are we to explain ourselves and the world in which we live? Who made this strange universe with its orderly succession of day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest? How are we to explain the many marks of supreme intelligence? Can mind come from nothing? Who or what created and sustains all life?

That, however, is only a beginning, for no sooner have you ruled out the possibility of God than you realise that man must be a strange creature. For there are always men crying out with the Psalmist, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." There is one of recent times exclaiming:

So with the wan, waste grasses
on my spear,
I ride for ever seeking after God.
My hair grows whiter than my
thistle plume,
And all my limbs are loose; but
in my eyes
The star of an unconquerable
praise;

For in my soul one hope for
ever sings,

That at the next white corner
of the road

My eyes may look on him.

These are not occasional or abnormal cries. It is the perpetual quest of the human heart. "Oh that I knew where I might find him!"

The Difficulties Grow

Deny it all, tell yourself that religion is but a survival of the primitive mind. But you will soon roundly declare that the alternative is impossible. The difficulties of belief are considerable. The difficulties of denial are far greater.

Someone will say that their difficulty is not the existence but the nature of God. You can't help believing that there is a great Spirit behind the things that appear. What is difficult to believe is that he is good. Look at the strife in Nature, the bitterness and frustration in history, consider what is happening among the nations today. You, imperfect as you are, would stop all that if you could, as you would stop boys fighting in the streets.

Then deny the goodness of God. Affirm that at the heart of the universe there is, if not a devil at least a capricious deity. I tell you the very stones will cry out. A man will want to know where man gets his sense of right and wrong, why one admires the good and teaches one's children to hate evil. How are we to explain the hunger and thirst for righteousness and the many deeds of self-sacrifice? How explain the power in history of bringing good out of evil — the power in Nature covering up man's mistakes and turning our scenes of hideousness into places of beauty? You can't explain it. It is an impossible thesis to maintain — that God is evil.

There are other difficulties. There is the part of the creed which affirms "the life everlasting." Well, pursue the same method. Assert that death ends all. Follow your assertion to its logical conclusion and you will come to doubt, I think, not only the power of God but the rationality of the universe. And there is nothing left then that makes sense. There is a place for doubt — the doubt that leads to investigation and discovery. Our minds would rust, our natures would wilt, without healthy scepticism. But doubt that leads to indecision and paralyses the will is devil-born.

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South Australian 89th Conference

E. P. C. Hollard.

The introduction to the Year Book contained three comments from our President:

"We might as well fall flat on our faces as lean over too far backwards."

"What we see depends largely on what we seek."

"Conscience gets a lot of credit that should really belong to cold feet."

The ensuing business and inspirational sessions kept these before the brethren to the end.

We sum it up under several headings:

MEETINGS.

Each year is seeing well attended gatherings, all but one being larger than those of previous year. President's Night set the standard, when Grote-st. was packed out to hear the President's Address. This is now something of an occasion, when the President and his wife meet the people coming into the chapel for the meeting. Then supper follows.

Business sessions were likewise larger, particularly the Saturday. Reports were submitted by the Departments, and not the slightest excitement was created. In fact, two major Departments found themselves filling in the time! Either everyone was satisfied with the reports and progress, or Spring was in the air and not in the souls of the delegates! Even so, some forward planning was done, and some good decisions reached.

This year the Women's Conference was packed out at all sessions, and their pageant at night was a spectacular event, worthy of a Town Hall. The Social Service Department spotlighted *Serving Christ — in Industry*

— in Hospitals — in Prisons. Our three chaplains, C. E. Watson, J. B. Baker and A. R. Jones spoke to their own work.

H. R. Taylor came out of retirement to give the ministers the benefit of his experience and observations. He loses none of his agility of mind and readiness of utterance. As our "Dean" he is loved and respected by the ministers.



K. D. Horne, Incoming President, S. A. Conference.

Youth Night went to the Thebarton Town Hall (it is larger than the Adelaide Town Hall), and presented a documentary, *Alternative*. Young people flocked in from all over the State, and shared in the usual night of good things.

A new departure was the removal of the Missionary Rally from Grote-st. to the Town Hall. As well, for at least 300 would have been turned away! Overseas and Aborigines Missions share this night now, and both had a delightful story to tell.

Conference Sermon in Thebarton Town Hall was slightly lower in attendance this year, around 1,650.

The Christian Unity Committee held a debate, "That Churches of Christ are still progressive in their attitude towards Christian Unity." Two sides included Misses Esther Messent and Carol Fooks, and G. D. Rose, F. Russell, D. J. Fitzgerald, M. A. Coombs.

It was a new presentation, and deserved the largest crowd we have seen for this night.

The closing night was the Conference Tea, always an event, with around 750 eating together in the Adelaide Town Hall. A dramatic documentary, *Seeing Tomorrow Today*, was a challenge to the strong-hearted from the Home Mission Department. Around 1,200 shared the final act of dedication as the new President was set aside.

DECISIONS.

The larger business sessions made several decisions of importance. These were:

1. Cessation of the Fellowship News. After many years our State paper is to cease publication at the end of the year, so that the projected larger and more attractive *Australian Christian* might receive full support from the brotherhood. Many were loth to agree, but for the sake of a wider brotherhood interest, the decision was almost unanimous. This was a big thing which the Conference did.

2. So that the mind of Conference and participation of the local churches be not overlooked, it was decided upon, by recommendation of the General Executive, that all appointments for Departmental Organisers be submitted to Conference for vote and ratification.

It was further decided that amounts in excess of £5,000, which any Department might desire to spend on a project, should be submitted to Conference for ratification.

These two were intended to get away from any misapprehension which might be abroad that Departments have all the say! The mere fact that the Executive sponsored them suggests that Departments are as aware of the dangers as any critic.

Each Department brought forward its programme and budget for the coming year. These were all accepted. From among them we cull the following interesting forward-looking plans:

The suggestion that the Home Mission Department be responsible for the conduct of Industrial Chaplaincy.

The Social Service Department empowered to erect further buildings to house a further 12 girls at the Youth Hostel.

The same Department empowered to complete the buildings at Black Forest Rest Home.

The Home Mission Department empowered to make the League of 1,000 into the League of 2,000,

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Faith Lays the Foundation

It is faith that is creative, faith that lays a foundation for society to build upon; faith that opens the gates of hope. Teach yourself to believe, not indeed everything you hear or see, but those great verities that make for fullness of life. One thing is certain, if we are to live at all we must live by faith, good faith or bad faith; for we cannot live by sight. "Whatever hypothesis regarding the ground of the Universe a man adopts, he makes a leap beyond experience." Even if it is a harassed and imperfect faith, like that of the father in this chapter, commit yourself to the same Lord Jesus, and once more you will hear the reassuring words, "According to your faith be it unto you." "All things are possible to him that believeth."

and that a New Isolated Roll be compiled.

The Dept. of Christian Education will finalise the building programme for Balaklava Youth Camp, and set about the erection of a further camp on the Point Sturt property; also see to conduct of a Superintendents' Camp at Longwood, plus special emphasis upon Adult Education.

Within each Departmental report were many other items of planning which will be attended to as the year passes.

FIGURES.

The Year Book shows that membership increased by 68, bringing the total membership to 10,179, the highest in our history. The total amount given for all purposes was £183,000. The Bible Schools show an increase of 46, to total over 9,500 children, plus 1,520 teachers. A thrilling, yet disturbing, feature was that 83 per cent of the additions to the Church last year came from the ranks of youth.

One new church, Christies Beach, was received into the Union, bringing the total number of churches to 76.

PERSONALITIES.

The President of the Conference, Sydney R. Beck, proved himself to be a worthy leader, and his gracious manner and unsparing efforts through the year were an expression of his Conference theme, Victory Through Co-operative, Consistent Consecration. Mr. Beck gave full value to all of these qualities, assisted in no slight measure by his good lady.

His successor will be our highly esteemed Youth Director, Keith D. Horne, who stepped in when H. G. Norris had to relinquish owing to ill health. Mr. Horne and his wife have a host of friends in all of the churches, and his choice was timely. His theme will be, Being Christian In Our Time.

The Incoming President brings a well beloved name to the front. Roland E. Pittman, elder of Nallsworth church, is a nephew of R. T. Pittman, of the College of the Bible, and is noted for his wisdom and grace.

It was unfortunate that Dr. K. R. Bowes had to cancel his visit to be guest speaker, for health reasons. Several of our own men stepped in to fill the breach at short notice and gave splendid service. We owe a debt to H. R. Taylor, F. B. Burt and K. D. Horne in turning his Presidential address into the Conference Sermon.

Among welcome visitors were Lance Fisher, of our Aborigine work, who gave a major address, Sister Betty Anderson, home on furlough from the Mission field, Mrs. L. Wylie, of Sydney, over for the Women's Conference and the excellent pageant which

she had written, R. J. H. Greenhalgh, the new Grote-st. minister sampling his first S.A. Conference, and G. P. Cuttriss, of New Zealand, who served in S.A. many years ago.

The outgoing President of the Women's Conference was Mrs. E. Fax, who has a long record of outstanding service. She is succeeded by Mrs. S. Lawrence (Flinders Park), who will lead the women through this year. She has been active in youth work, and is well known for her selfless service. The ladies should be well served again.

The tireless work of our Secretary, I. J. Chivell, always contributes to the success of the Conference. Once again he showed his worth.

Choirs, song-leaders, soloists, organists, pianists, ushers, ladies at table, were all an integral part of a working band, without whom no Conference could ever know success. To these we say, "Salute!"

GENERAL.

Conference expressed itself resolutely on the subject of the indecencies of advertising, and the obvious lack of censorship at some levels of said advertising.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



Interstate News

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE.

The Annual S.A. Women's Conference, presided over by Mrs. E. Fax, commenced at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 1963, with approximately 360 ladies present. Visitors welcomed were as follows: Mrs. J. H. Barnden, Miss Crouch, Mrs. Warmbrunn and Mrs. Hadden, from Victoria. Mrs. R. J. H. Greenhalgh, wife of the new minister at Grote-st., was also welcomed.

The Obituary report was presented by Mrs. Pillar and the prayer by Mrs. S. Beck. Morning devotions on Fellowship were thought-provoking, and were presented by Mrs. S. Lawrence. Business session and elections followed, also Committee reports. Approximately 300 ladies sat down to an enjoyable luncheon, prepared and served under the capable leadership of Mrs. M. Tippett.

Afternoon session, with over 400 ladies present, commenced with devotions led by Mrs. Sack (Broken Hill) on Living in Love. Visitors from Inter-Church and Interdenominational committees were welcomed, and later entertained at afternoon tea by Mrs. Fax. A response to the welcome was given by Miss Thompson (National Council of Women). The address,

The proposed introduction of T.A.B. into the State also received some attention, as did the question of State aid for private schools.

War as a means of international settlement is a denial of the spirit and teachings of the Saviour, and again we made our statement on this item. The relationship of nicotine and lung cancer was stressed in a protest against the indiscriminate advertising of this article.

The Building Extension Department showed that during the year nine churches completed building projects. This year, 15 churches will further projects in hand, and altogether £57,980 has been approved for the erection of buildings. The Mutual Fund has already passed over £140,000 through its books in deposits.

On looking back at the Conference one is surprised that there was not the usual amount of preaching, but the presentation of the past and the challenge of the future were well to the fore in dramatic dialogue and pageant form. The change was for the good, as those beholding had to do some thinking!

It was another splendid Conference!

based on World Christian Women's Fellowship, was brought by Mrs. Wylie (N.S.W.). Two delightful solos were rendered by Miss Elsie Woolley. Missionary greetings were brought by Sis. Betty Anderson, on furlough from New Guinea, and Mrs. John Main, missionary-elect to India. Mrs. Fax then brought interesting highlights of her Conference year.

Officers for the coming year were then declared, and are as follows: President, Mrs. S. Lawrence; President-Elect, Mrs. J. Cunningham; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. Watson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. P. Whitmore; Secretary, Mrs. E. P. C. Hollar; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Johnson.

The evening session, with over 500 present, commenced with an organ recital by David Hele, at 7 p.m., and numbers were presented by the Youth Choir under the leadership of John Hall. New officers were introduced by Mrs. Fax, and a dedicatory prayer was offered by S. Beck, general Conference President. A pageant, written and introduced by Mrs. Wylie, entitled One Great Fellowship of Love, was most capably presented. This pageant was based on World Christian Women's Fellowship, and left us with

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Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

"Contacting the People"

Rex Chamberlain.

Bun's wife had died suddenly after a very short sickness. The sudden loss was quite a shock to Bun, and to the parents of the dead woman. I had officiated at a short service at the graveside, and had tried to give the message of Christian hope and comfort. Now it was Saturday, several days after the death and the burial. We decided to make a family outing of the visit, so the whole four of us went up to Savai's and Bun's houses. We went up into the house, and Elaine spoke for a while with the mother of the dead woman, while I spoke with Savai, the father. Elaine soon joined me, because the mother had curled up on the floor and put a laplap over her body as a blanket, and had gone to sleep. She was too tired from walling to be able to continue her talking. So Elaine and I sat down and talked with Savai. Our talk continued till it was necessary to collect the children from their playing with the village children, and go home for the evening meal.

So, as messengers of the gospel, we had shared a little with people who had suffered. It is not always easy to contact the village folk. School starts at 8.30 a.m. and continues till approximately 4 p.m., which ties me up from leaving the station. But as opportunity presents itself, we can go away from the Mission station and see the people in the village, or gardens, or while they fish in their favorite stream or lake. We talk about their way of life, and they ask about ours. In the interchange of talk we are able to learn of their ways, and gain valuable material for use in preaching. We find that there come opportunities to say something about Christ. However, this can fall on deaf ears. I remember the time while talking in the village just prior to going on furlough in 1961. There were many expressions of regret that I was leaving for Australia. I pointed out how God was sorry, too, if they left him. But my comment was met by silence, and it didn't get across, and I had to get the conversation going again on the previous subject.

By going to them where they are, or they coming to us to buy in the store, or to finalise some form of business, or for medical treatment, the contacts are made. It is our prayer that those contacts are times

when the Holy Spirit can touch these people's lives, to the end that they may come into eternal union with Christ, their Lord.

Chungribu Children

A. Fletcher.

Chungribu children are no exception to the rule, "Kids will be kids." They are lovable, amusing, exasperating, frustrating, and downright annoying, just like any group of Australian children.

How often do children enjoy the local fruit trees and their produce! Our gardens here, too, are a temptation, but here our own produce often appears in someone else's bowl before we get to it. Fresh vegetables are usually bought from the people, and one day recently we refused some cucumbers, knowing our own to be ready for picking. It was several days before we realised the children had raided our self-sown plot behind the store, in the hope of trading for salt or matches. Frustrating? Yes, at times.

Just like small boys and girls back home, we have our mischief-makers, clowns and misfits. Young Giringliru is a mahogany Huckleberry Finn, forever doing something else, and suffering like an india-rubber ball for it. Nangaval is a good-natured, care-free hypochondriac, not so much seeking sympathy, as an actor enjoying his own performance.

The children here show a general desire and need for affection beyond that of children at home. Once out of babyhood; they receive nothing more than a genuine fondness from their parents, at the same time assuming far more responsibilities than children back home. Seldom does one walk anywhere with the children without a couple of small hands surreptitiously clinging, and these children are content, knowing that their affection is returned. They do, however, find our discipline (unknown in village life) rather startling and disconcerting at first, but soon accept it as routine.

As the children leave school each carries his knife and/or bilum (woven string bag), just as the parents do. From early childhood they know that they, too, are a necessary and useful part of the community. All face a future which is often unintelligible to their parents, and will be so to them, unless they have a foundation, a Rock, which will not fall, upon which to build the future pattern and problems of civilisation.

QUESTING

A. E. White.

We have about forty-five young people attending a Youth Fellowship group. What is the best way to handle them? They are definitely worldly. Would it be right to shut them out completely by holding a Christian Endeavor meeting to replace the Fellowship group?

You do not give the ages of the young people, but as they are attending one group it is assumed that they are reasonably close together in age. I also assume that, in your opinion, a C.E. programme would not be acceptable to most members of the youth group, because of its emphasis upon Christian ideals and standards.

Your question underlines an obvious tension in church youth work. On the one hand, there is a large number of young people who have not become church members, or, if they have, they are nominal members only. On the other hand, there is a smaller group of deeply committed Christian youth who are seeking even deeper levels in study, worship and service.

You are fortunate in having so many to worry about, but apart from numbers I guess your problem is a fairly common one. The question is: where will you use your church leadership, with the worldly many or with the devoted few?

Of course, a choice like this should not have to be made. There should be enough leaders ready and willing to work effectively with both groups. But sometimes churches are faced with this kind of decision.

My suggestion is: don't break up the Fellowship group! Accepting the worst about their worldliness, the young people are there, and they present an exciting opportunity. Many churches would give a great deal to have the problem of wondering how to handle forty-five young people.

But you will have to accept them as they are. You may wish them to be different, but you must start by letting them be themselves, and then help them to move in the direction of the Christ. Christian development is usually by slow growth, and not by miraculous transformation.

The drastic change you mention could, I do not say would, lose a wonderful evangelistic opportunity. Habits of worship, study, and service cannot be forced upon young people. Indeed, it is difficult to force anything upon them. They will, however, usually respond to sane leadership and balanced example. Whatever you do, you will not win them all, but none of them should be abandoned.

HERE AND THERE

Our Federal Overseas Mission Board Sec. R. S. A. McLean, sent the following telegram on Sept. 16: "Offering £4,500 received from New Hebrides for hospital. Complete story, October issue, 'Missionary News.'"

The next meeting of the Victorian Ministers' Association will be held in the Churches of Christ Centre on Monday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. Dr. Keith Bowes is to speak on the Toronto Conference, postponed from the last meeting. Lunch together at 1 p.m.

We have been advised by cable from W. W. Hendry, in England, of the death of Dr. William Robinson, for many years an outstanding leader both among British Churches of Christ and in ecumenical concerns. As former Principal of Overdale College and Editor of the "Christian Advocate" he made a great contribution to our British work, and also taught with distinction in the United States. A service was held at the Moseley-rd., Birmingham, church at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, and the interment took place on the following Thursday at Kirkby, Infirmary.

R. W. Tippet, minister at Whyalla, S.A., will commence a three-year ministry with the church at Kadina, S.A., in February, 1964.

The church's 53rd anniversary and Family Week, Aug. 18-25, has been feature of church life at Semaphore, S.A. Visiting speakers were C. H. J. Wright, J. W. Lewis, F. B. Burt, H. G. Norris, M. A. Coombs and W. N. Bartlett. Auxiliaries are all functioning well.

C.W.F. (Vic. and Tas.) Council meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre on Friday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker, Neal Cheal, President of Inter-Church Men's Society. Leader of devotions, Mrs. M. Robottom, a member of W. to W. panel. Ticket-programmes for Choral Society concert are now in the hands of the various C.W.F. groups. Ticket secretary: Mrs. W. J. St. Aubyn, 61 Rostrevor-pde., Mont Albert Nth. Phone 88-4288. — E. M. Rankine, Sec.

The S.A. Home Mission Dept. announces that it has invited the Organiser, E. P. C. Hollard, to continue for a further term, commencing in January, 1964. He will have completed 12 years with the Department at that time.

R. K. Sansome has accepted a further two years' ministry with the church at Enfield Heights, S.A.

Retirement of Randall J. Pittman

At the end of this year R. T. Pittman will retire from the Faculty of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Victoria, after serving as a teacher for forty-nine years. His fine scholarship, inspired teaching and Christian grace have influenced deeply generations of our preachers and missionaries. His long ministry has enriched the life of the whole Australian brotherhood. Although he may not be known personally in all States, his name and work are widely known and acclaimed.



R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.

In addition to his life-long work at the College, he was a founder and an early editor of the Austral Graded Lessons.

It is believed that the brethren throughout the Commonwealth would like to honor and recognise this devoted servant of Christ on his retirement. A Recognition Service has been planned for Dec. 4, 1963, and a gift will be made to Mr. Pittman from the brotherhood he has served with distinction and great loyalty. Churches, and individual members, who so desire, are being invited to contribute towards the gift. With the warm approval of all State Conference Executives, letters setting out information are being sent to all churches. If you wish to have a part in the Recognition, please forward your gift to K. A. Jones, 3 Elm-rd., Glen Iris, Victoria, not later than Nov. 25, 1963.

Australian Women's Basketball Carnival

Adelaide was the venue of the last Carnival, with players from Western Australia, N.S.W., Victoria and South Australia. Teams and attendants were welcomed at a dinner at the Flinders Park Church of Christ, presided over by the S.A. President, Miss Dulcie Wood. On the Sunday a special service was held at the Cowandilla church, when E. P. C. Hollard preached and representatives of all teams took part.

Matches were of a high order, and in several the standard was exceptionally good. Western Australia had won the title in Perth two years ago, when they narrowly defeated the then holders, South Australia. This time the South Australians came through undefeated. The final match against the West was an excellent exhibition. The next carnival, in two years' time, will go to Melbourne.

These interstate visits are worthwhile. The girls look most attractive in their uniforms, but more, the fellowship and friendships developed are intrinsic. Basketball has strong roots among the girls of the churches. In Perth there is our own Association, the Sydney team was selected from among the teams of our churches playing in a combined association, whilst the Melbourne team was composed of Methodists, Baptists and several from our own churches. In Adelaide, 160 teams are playing each Saturday in our own association.

At the presentation, thanks was extended to Ray Stacey, who has given years of service as coach to the S.A. girls, and Miss Beverley Whitford, the S.A. Captain, received the Cup.— E. P. C. Hollard.

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The Pioneer Social Afternoon of the S.A. Conference was held at Grote-st. chapel on Wed., Sept. 4, at 2 p.m., when approximately 160 folk who have been members of Churches of Christ for 45 years, were present. Mrs. E. Fax presided over this function, which was held in the large Hall. Devotions were led by I. J. Chivell. Elocutionary items by Mrs. Fooks were enjoyed by one and all, and musical items were supplied by the following ministers — Messrs. Burt, Hollard, Marriott and Wright. Executive members of the Women's Conference, assisted by some members of the Catering Committee, served a delightful home-cooked afternoon tea.

George Wood, minister at South Perth, W.A., has agreed to lead the church at Mile End, S.A., in a tent mission, beginning in March, 1964.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Discipleship

Mr. Trewin, Ken Parry, Richmond, Vic.

Brian Archer, John Clapp, Midland, W.A.

Mrs. Murphy, Cheryl Cook, Judy A'Court, Mr. and Mrs. Kroonenberg and Hans, Perth, W.A.

Ernest Hayes, North Williamstown, Vic.

David McKenzie, Hornsby, N.S.W.

N. Pilkington, Gympie - Monkland, Qld.

Don Casbolt, Brighton, Vic.

Joyleen Chisholm, Raylene Rough, Stephen McCann, Ascot Park, S.A.

Peter Jelsman, William Juett, Hawthorn, S.A.

Membership

Misses Symes, Hall and Murtagh, Perth, W.A.

Mrs. W. Wissmann, Miss M. Wissmann, Gladstone to Gympie-Monkland, Qld.

Miss P. Hair, Murwillumbah, N.S.W.

Mrs. Linn, from Hurstville; Miss B. King, from Bowral, to Burwood, N.S.W.

Mrs. Schneider, Ascot Park, S.A.

John Gall, Maylands to Hawthorn, S.A.

Marriage

Judith Clark to Norman Mathews; Violet Anstis to Robert Gray;

Lorraine Whitfield to Ronald Waterhouse, Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.

Janice Ball to Ian Chisholm, Brighton, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mr. Watson, Mrs. Hicks, Kadina, S.A.

Mrs. Jackling, Strathalbyn, S.A.

Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. L. Green, North Sydney, N.S.W.

Mrs. E. Kennedy, Mrs. L. Morris, Burwood, N.S.W.

Mrs. Dawson, Enfield Heights, S.A.

Midland (E. B. Clapp). — Happy fellowship with Miss B. Clapp during school holidays. G. Banks fellowshiping with church. C.W.F. ladies' prayer committee meeting held Sept. 11, guest speaker being Mrs. Bond; items brought by Nth. Perth C.W.F. There have been two confessions. K. Patterson (State H.M. Organiser) has commenced campaign on stewardship, teaching classes and audio-visual films being used. Youth tea held 15th. Fellowship with K. A. Jones (Sec. C.O.B.).

Beaufort-st., Perth (Dr. L. E. Jones). — Following Crusade '63, three adults and three Y.P. have been baptised and received into membership. C.W.F. had instructive meeting, when T. Booth (B. & F. B. S.) gave illustrated address. B.S. kinder and primary depts. had enjoyable picnic at Mahogany Creek, calling at Mundaring Weir on homeward journey. A feast of delightful music, rendered by University String Orchestra, was enjoyed by all who attended a P.S.A. Some works were performed in Australia for first time. During month, several members have been ill in hospital and at home.

North Perth (J. K. Robinson). — Mrs. Henderson ill. Successful vacation B.S. conducted by Elaine Henderson and Joy Ottery during school holidays. K. A. Jones (Sec., C.O.B.) addressed church Sept. 8. C.Y.F. helped by talk given by Mrs. Rushon (Direc., Citizens' Advice Bureau). C.E. combined with Nollamara on orange and flower day and visited Royal Perth Hospital, Osborne Park Government Hospital and about 30 "shut-in" and aged folk. Fellowship enjoyed with Mrs. F. Ewers and daughter (Vic.).

Subiaco (G. Smith). — Know Your Neighbor was theme of a gospel service, migrants from Graylands Hostel attending. Deaconess Robertson spoke words of wisdom and encouragement. Social hour followed. K.A. Jones visiting speaker from C.O.B. Doll and toy parade given by Mrs. McGregor; proceeds in aid of Social Service Welfare Fund, £23. C.Y.F. concert for Thea Lake to purchase pressure lamps for her girls' club raised £53. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Hearn and family in death of Mr. Hearn after long illness. 65th church anniversary held, with J. K. Robinson speaking a.m. Dedication of re-titled baptistery and memorial library conducted by G. Smith. Baptistery resulted from anonymous donation and generosity of Messrs. Edwards and

Preedy. Memorial library cupboard donated by Miss Boyde in memory of her parents. T. Hutchinson, a surviving member of the first church, was present. He has given 65 years of faithful witness and service to church. R. Raymond gave evening message after a beautiful rendering of the cantata, *Rolling Seasons*, under the baton of C. Nelson. There was one confession of faith.

Morawa (K. Turner). — C.W.F. conducted stall at local show, with other Guilds, for B. & F. B. S. Total proceeds £40. Mr. Booth visited district on Sept. 15, speaking at morning service and at combined meeting at night to large congregation. Mrs. Turner's parents (Mr. and Mrs. Crossfield) and sister have been visitors from Vic. S. G. Taylor and Miss K. Taylor (Fremantle) had fellowship with church also. Miss Taylor spoke at C.W.F. meeting on 11th. G. A. Carslake has been in hospital.

QUEENSLAND

Ann-st., Brisbane (L. G. Read). — At monthly Board meeting, Sept. 4, authority given to pay balance of £150 owing on organ installed in 1960. Retiring offering in aid of victims of Skopje earthquake disaster received on 15th. C.W.F. marked end of its year with anniversary luncheon, at which 50 attended. They were welcomed by the pres., Mrs. W. S. Hoens. Special cake for occasion cut by oldest member, Mrs. E. Ash. Musical numbers contributed by Messrs. L. G. Read, J. Smith, C. Ballinger, and all joined in community singing led by Mrs. R. Culbert. Large delegation of C.W.F. attended Women's Conference camp at Caloundra, Sept. 13-15. C.Y.F. giving strong support to mission at Camp Hill; group of 15 went along with Stan Vincent mission organiser for week.

Gympie - Monkland (H. E. Jones). — Missionary Convention arranged by Y.P., Sept. 6-8; speaker, A. Clark (O.M.S.). Other missionaries and candidates brought personal testimonies of many examples of God's guidance and provision for their lives. N. Findlay (M.A.F.) showed audio-visual, *The Land the Rivers Have Spoiled*. In the rear and kinder halls, Y.P. erected total of 17 missionary displays of works, activities, curios, etc.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Hornsby (R. Hillford). — C.E. were hosts to Wyoming C.E. at a social on Aug. 24. A young man made his

decision p.m., Sept. 1, and was baptised on 8th. Preacher at gospel service on 8th was C. Saxby (Conf. Pres.). Artists were A. and Miss R. Thurrowgood, and they shared in after-church fellowship, led by R. Bartholomew. Gospel service on 15th was official church enrolment service of Boys' Brigade, conducted by minister. Sydney Battalion pres., Mr. Small, shared in service. Minister is continuing to make good progress.

Burwood (Dr. A. G. Elliott).—B.S. anniversary services on Aug. 18 proved very helpful. Mr. Hayward was preacher at both services on 25th. Visitation Evangelism classes continuing and interest created in forthcoming Crusade. Adult Christian Education well maintained. Bible Sunday emphasised with special services, Sept. 1. P. Mallard, guest at Youth Fellowship tea, brought musical numbers in youth gospel service. C. Cole (Social Service Dept.) recent speaker. C.W.F. flower show, 14th.

Marrickville (M. J. Bedwell).—Guest speakers have been D. Hewitt, N. Hunter (B. & F. B. S.) and D. Munro (Bible College, N.Z.). Teaching mission, *Continuing Steadfastly*, comprising 4 Wed. night meetings, commenced Sept. 18, with K. Crawford, E. T. Hart, A. W. Stephenson and Dr. A. G. Elliott as speakers. Monthly cottage meetings beneficial and well attended. Two teenagers made decision on 15th. C.W.F. clothed two Aborigine girls at Carnarvon, and raised £28 toward O.M. deficit.

Murwillumbah (G. B. Davis).—Y.P.C.E. attended district rally at Lismore, Aug. 24. B.S. classes painting and furnishing seven rooms under chapel. C.W.F. holds monthly evening functions in private homes, in addition to fortnightly regular meetings. College student team, consisting of Mary Pedler, Frances Woods, Samuel and Japheth (New Hebrides) and Roy Hawkins, conducted evening meeting, Sept. 8. Number of visitors welcomed.

Asquith (D. Wakeley).—Av. attendances: 63 a.m.; 49 p.m.; offerings £43. Special Day of Revival services held Sept. 1, with inspiring messages from visiting speakers, K. Crawford (N.S.W. Direct. Evang.) and E. Hart (Conf. Pres.-Elect, N.S.W.). C.Y.F. conducted a gospel service, with L. Thomas as guest speaker. J. Ellerby speaker at a morning service. Church cricket club formed; first match played Sept. 14. District C.E. rally held on 13th, with musical items presented by C.E. members; speaker, Pres. N.S.W. C.E. Union (Mr. Wrightson).

Bankstown (S. C. Rogers).—Church thanks all who helped in recent mission conducted by H. Davies. Attendances averaged 74, with 110 present at final service. There were two decisions and six other commitments. C.W.F. assisted in staffing Social Ser-

vice shop at Marrickville. Mr. Rogers has intimated that his ministry with church will close in March, 1964.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe).—School holidays affected a.m. attendance, Sept. 15. Youth service held p.m. G.L.B. held special parade as one of their number was baptised, together with another girl who made her decision at the service when a special invitation was given. A lad also confessed Christ. Mrs. Brand, snr. progressing after surgery. Church saddened at Home call of Mrs. Schneider.

Enfield Heights (R. K. Sansome).—Annual business meeting in Aug. re-elected M. Thompson, sec.; treas. is D. Gauner. Retiring officers were re-elected. Thanks extended to Mr. Rowan for service as treas. in past years. All jubilant at B.S. winning Efficiency Campaign. Girls "H" grade basketball premiers. G.L.B. 4th in Aust. for collecting for H.Q. funds on per girl basis. Church saddened at passing of Mrs. Dawson. G. Filmer and A. Harris took services on Aug. 25, whilst minister was at Tumby Bay.

Maylands (D. Hammer).—Miss Lorna Fletcher was speaker from Welfare Dept., to C.W.E.F.; there was a large attendance. Minister active again after absence through surgery. Half-yearly business statement indicates that much valuable work has been maintained. Many country and interstate visitors worshipped with church during Conference. L. Fisher and Bob Williams (Carnarvon) assisted at evening service. Also attending were Miss Betty Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Dal Anderson and Mrs. Hughes (U.S.A.).

Prospect (A. J. Griffiths).—Sept. 1 was great day, when chapel was packed at both services for Homecoming and Thanksgiving Day. Past and present members spent happy day of fellowship. W. Russell spoke at morning service. Chapel was also filled in the afternoon for P.S.A., which was presided over by C. Hughes. This was followed by fellowship tea in hall. Successful Church School services held in Aug. At meeting of Officers' Board in Sept., administrative officers and committees were appointed for coming year. Miss Betty Anderson showed slides of missionary work in New Guinea on 8th.

Clovelly Park (J. C. Cunningham).—Y.P. had sing-song at home of Mrs. M. Burt. C.W.F. had visit from hospital chaplain, J. Baker. Mr. Archbold (S.U.M.) spoke and showed slides of work in Sudan, Aug. 18. C.E. groups had meeting at Colebrook Home. Family service, 25th. C.Y.F. had progressive dinner and discussion. Y.P.

decided to have monthly early morning prayer meeting for revival. During State Conference, J. Main (missionary-elect to India) spoke at service. Youth tea, Sept. 15, with Miss Betty Anderson (New Guinea), who also spoke at evening service.

Kadina (M. T. Lawrie).—At annual business meeting all depts. showed year of great activity. A. R. Russack was re-elected as sec., after 36 years of service in this office. Church anniversary great success; K. Edwards guest speaker. J. Welden took Sunday service while home on holidays from C.O.B. Men visited Moonta and had great time of fellowship with men there. G.L.B. held successful novelty night. C.W.E.F. had display of Christian books at Kadina Show.

Mile End (J. A. Luff).—While on vacation from Woolwich, Stephen Thomas and Roger Brown conducted youth tea and gospel service. Annual birthday luncheon of C.W.F. great success, with 150 ladies present and £18 offering for Freedom From Hunger Campaign. Church grateful to visiting speakers during minister's vacation. Special offering £120 received for Overseas Missions above budget of about £80 per quarter (for O.M.). Senior basketball team premiers. Members of basketball team gave items at basketball church parade, following tea for girls.

Strathalbyn (W. J. Philp).—Church extends sympathy to Miss Jackling, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bartlett and family in passing of Mrs. Jackling, snr. Church has completed special series of well attended meetings. Officers conducted gospel service, Aug. 18, A. Grosvenor being speaker. There have been two decisions for Christ. Guest speakers have been Dr. H. Steward and G. Mills.

VICTORIA

Colac (B. Dowsett).—Church has enjoyed week of special meetings. D. Hibburt spoke to Y.P. on Sat. night and took both services on Sunday. Mrs. Strack spoke to ladies on Tues. night. T. Lane (East Preston) gave message on family night, Thurs. G. Barnett (Preston) gave inspiring messages, Sept. 8.

Dunolly (D. Andrews, B.A., LL.B.).—Guild ladies enjoyed special meeting at home of the John Coles, Laanecoorie; Mr. Spiker provided transport. Many members attended Half-Yearly Convention at Maryborough. Church enjoyed visit by Miss R. Newham and Mrs. Hindman and family. B.S. had several visitors lately.

Peel-st., Ballarat (C. W. Jackel).—Minister conducting "Go to Church" crusade at evening services. Attendances have improved at all services.

Bible Sunday observed with special services, highlight being exhibition of old and foreign Bibles, loaned by members and friends. Pleasing to see Sis. Richards at services after illness. M. Fishwick improving after surgery. On Sept. 8, visit by E. Sanders (State Sec., Vic. Temperance Alliance) highlighted World Temperance Sunday. His talk, and film, *Verdict* at 1.30, were instructive and inspiring. On 15th, church celebrated anniversary; J. Reid (Clayton) guest speaker for three services, theme being *Is the Bible the Word of God?* Fellowship tea was followed by lecture and slides on New Guinea Missions, presented by Mr. Reid. During morning service, beautiful communion table, donated by the Shraeder family in memory of their mother, dedicated to Lord's service.

Chelsea (C. G. V. Thomas). — Planned Church Life Programme has been approved by deacons. First activity was a hymn singalong after p.m. service on Sept. 15, attended by 60. Dr. A. King has resigned as Youth Counsellor of C.Y.F. J. Lowery (C.O.B.) has been appointed acting Chief Youth Counsellor. C.W.E.F. had busy work night for forthcoming fete. Health class, started earlier in year, showing surprising success. C.W.A.F. collecting for Overseas Missionary parcel. 55 attended youth service in chapel 8th, with C. Bolwell (Franks-ton) as speaker.

Richmond (N. B. Wells - W. J. S. Gaunson). — Crusade weekends extremely successful; attendance gratifying. 170 on second Saturday night, highlighted by excellent renditions by soloists. Two films were screened, *Suicide Mountain* and *The Heart is a Rebel*. Ministers delivered inspiring sermons. Results of Crusade were two decisions for Christ. Baptismal service 15th. Delegation attended Collingwood mission. 18th. New floor for B.S. hall nearing completion. E. Brodie, Miss I. Davidson, Mrs. Addicott, snr., J. Armstrong, recovering from illness.

Middle Park (J. Welden). — In absence of preacher in S.A., C. Sherman spoke at both services on Sept. 1. At morning service of 8th, G. Cann gave illustrated address on Mission to Lepers, and at gospel service, A. Dean spoke. Men's basketball team runners-up in premiership.

Warrnambool (F. W. Bradley). — Good attendances at prayer fellowship in homes. Church pleased to have J. Davey back from S.A. Mr. and Mrs. C. Le Coutier, after fellowship with church for some months, have now returned home. Good Companions having good attendances. Ladies have good meetings and have sent supply of clothing to Aboriginal boy in W.A. They now have a well attended devotional afternoon once a month. Youth hall progressing. Men active

with working bees. Much sickness amongst members. Annual meeting of B. & F. B. S. held in chapel. During minister's vacation, services conducted by Messrs. Houston, J. Clarke, M. Smith and N. Merritt. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Saunders visitors on Sept. 15, Mr. Saunders preaching at both services.

Norlane (B. White). — L.E.F. had successful 4th birthday; C. Gadge guest speaker. His messages in word and picture were appreciated. G.L.B. enrolment service on Aug. 18, with Mrs. C. Allen and Mrs. F. Smith as leaders. At a.m. service on 25th there was an exchange of pres. and readers with Geelong church. Married woman was received into fellowship, Sept. 8, following confession of faith and baptism. Third monthly film night on 15th. These are proving means of contact with many, and regular visitation is being maintained.

Brighton (S. H. Wilson). — Good Companions joined in combined service at Ormond. J.C.E. and Primary dept. combined to visit Brighton Home for Blind to distribute oranges and violets. Several interstate and overseas visitors present over holiday period. Editor-elect of A.C. spoke to C.M.S., Sept. 2. B.S. scholar received into membership, 8th. Church joined in combined morning worship and communion at local Congregational Church, 15th. One young man made good confession at gospel service, 15th.

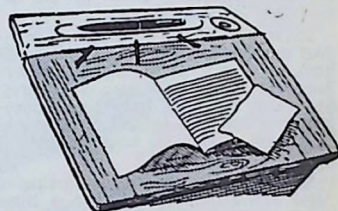
Essendon (V. Quayle). — C.M.S. held tea meeting, Sept. 8; speaker, Barrie Richards, who showed slides of New Guinea Mission. Film, *Time and Eternity*, screened at p.m. meeting. C.M.S. held "handyman" night 12th; tradesmen (members of C.M.S.) gave helpful hints on their various trades. After-church sing-song at home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Strack, 15th. C.W.E.F. enjoyed interesting evening on 17th when a representative from Dunklings spoke on "gems." Mrs. B. F. Kemp in hospital for surgery.

Ivanhoe (H. W. Street). — At recent annual meeting of church, following were elected: elders, R. Dorning, H. Earl, F. Nankivell, J. Rowe; deacons, F. Chipperfield, R. Darby, R. Fisher, R. L'Green, W. Oldfield, E. Prentice, F. Trembath; deaconesses, Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. R. Fallon; B.S. supt., N. Fisher. At Closer Walk Rally, on Sept. 14, G. Moyes (Ascot Vale) was guest speaker, special musical items being presented by guitarists, Bruce and David Searle. Delegations from church have supported special meetings at Collingwood and West Preston churches. Midweek discussion group examined beliefs and history of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Montrose (J. Paver). — Three young ladies baptised and one transfer received. J. Davis (C.O.B.) spoke at services during minister's vacation. J.

Paver exchanged with J. Dow (Mt. Evelyn), Aug. 25. C.W.F. groups combined on Sept. 11 and held apron parade to raise money for Social Service; proceeds £7. Overseas Mission offering £61. B.S., amidst their Efficiency Campaign, collected £3/15/- towards Guest Homes. C.Y.F. tea held 15th.

OPEN FORUM



ABORIGINAL ASSIMILATION.

S. F. Davey, in *Genesis or Genocide*, uses the argument that our present assimilation policy ought to be rejected because of "The inability of methods being used in the promotion of the policy to achieve their stated aims."

I believe that Mr. Davey may take Dimboola (Vic.) to illustrate this point. At Dimboola attempts are being made to assimilate 60 Aborigines in a small town with a population of 2,000. The Aborigines have been "given houses," but building houses does not mean that Aborigines are assimilated.

A necessary step towards assimilation is that all able-bodied men have steady jobs. At the time of writing this letter, only 5 out of the 12 men who might work have jobs. It may be argued by some that the other seven wouldn't work, anyhow. But the facts are that Dimboola hasn't seven jobs to give them even if they did.

Then, too, guidance is essential to effective assimilation. When a family leaves a humpy to live in a home, much more than just furniture has to come with them. The Victorian Government has not seen fit to permanently station a social worker, capable of giving the necessary guidance. Except for the man who collects a rent of £1 a week, and sees that windows are not broken, the only other corrective is the police force. A study of the numerous convictions on police files indicates that drunkenness, all manner of sexual crimes and other anti-social behaviour are the rule rather than the exception.

Then, too, acceptance of the Aborigines by the white community is an essential to effective assimilation. Where a long history of antagonism has produced intolerance in the community, is it ever possible to achieve assimilation?

If sufficient consideration is given to the freedom of the individual, it may be argued that we do not need to reject the Government's policy. But surely there is a great need to improve the way in which the policy is implemented.—John Way, Kaniva, Vic.

SELLING LIQUOR.

It was disappointing to read the reply under "Questing" (Sept. 10) to a "Christian young man" on his association with a licensed grocer.

He is told he has to work the problem out for himself. If of senior age this, of course, is so, but his knowledge of this matter may be limited. It would, therefore, have been appropriate if some more positive guidance had been given to help towards a Christian decision.

Licensed grocers are conducting a legal business, associated with a huge legal industry, yet the effects of such incontrovertibly show it to be an unholy business. Amidst the mass of available information to justify this assessment there is one factor, perhaps more peculiar to the licensed grocer, which might have helped. It is a proven fact that such businesses are, in not a few instances, avenues for the commencement of "secret" drinking in the home. By selling liquor in this environment, this young man could be the instrument of starting someone towards becoming an alcoholic.

However, instead of factual information of the harmful effects of this unholy business, plausible arguments were offered which could justify continued association with such. Follow through the argument that "a sort of partnership" with a publican devolves from banking where he does, means one has "a sort of partnership" with many shady characters, even criminals, who also have bank accounts. Involvement, yes, because all Christians should feel involvement with such, but "partnership" in their wickedness, decidedly no.

The publican may be a good fellow, and in the eyes of the law a good citizen, but this cannot obscure the fact that he is, according to Christian standards, conducting an unholy business.

It is hoped the young enquirer will have the moral courage to decide to have no part whatsoever with this "iniquitous" traffic. — L. O. Collyer, Boronia, Vic.

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Only voluntary work on the painting now remains to be done before the completion of the F. C. Brown Hall, built by the church at Murrumbidgee, N.S.W. It has been named in appreciation of Mr. Brown's services as secretary for fifty years. The official opening is planned for Oct. 18, 1963.

STOP PRESS

As we finalised for press on Fri., Sept. 20, the following telegram was received from Qld.: "Good attendances continue in Lowood Crusade. 350 Sunday night, 170 average. Non-members' interest growing. No decision. Much prayer needed.—Rob Holt."

BIRTHS

OWERS (Streader). — At Swan Hill, Vic., District Hospital, to Bev. and Gordon, a daughter — Gail Margaret; baby sister for Judy.

O'CONNOR (Daff). — To Hazel and Reg., a son — Phillip Grant — on Sept. 19, at Mordialloc-Cheltenham Hospital, Vic. Both well.

PATTERSON (nee Coventry). — To Vera and Ken, at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco, W.A., on Sept. 7, a daughter — Rosemary Vera.

IN MEMORIAM

ILES, Laura. — Treasured memories of our darling mother and nana, whom God called Home, Sept. 23, 1962, also dear dad and pa, Jan. 29, 1946. "In heavenly love abiding."
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CARNEGIE (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 6 and 13. Speakers: Oct. 6, 3 p.m., E. Miles; Kinders receive prizes. 7 p.m., L. Chapman. Oct. 13: 3 p.m., Mr. Gardener; Primary receive prizes. 7 p.m., R. Hillbrich. Film Night and B.S. prizes Oct. 18, 8 p.m., in the Methodist Hall, Neerim-rd., Carnegie. Parents and friends welcome to all services. C. Meadows (supt.), G. Galbraith (sec.).

BALWYN (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. 29th: Speakers, 3 p.m., R. Watt; 7 p.m., J. Uren. Oct. 6: 3 p.m., G. McLeod; 7 p.m., L. F. Barker. A warm welcome extended to all.

NORTH FITZROY (Vic.) 90th BIBLE School Anniversary, Oct. 20 and 27. 20th: 11 a.m., Past Members conducting service; speaker, W. A. Wigney; 3 p.m., Pageant of School Work Over the Years; 5 p.m., Reunion Tea; 7 p.m., A. W. C. Candy. 27th: 11 a.m., Present members conducting service; speaker, J. Turner; 3 p.m., speaker, J. Burt; 5 p.m., Family Tea; 7 p.m., speaker, J. Shaw.

MORELAND (Vic.) BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY (Davies-st., Brunswick), Oct. 6 and 13. 6th: speakers: 3 p.m., G. Brown; 7 p.m., R. Lane. 13th: speaker: 3 p.m., G. Wigney; 7 p.m., Pageant by Scholars. Bright singing at all services includes Negro Spirituals sung by C.E. Group.

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BALWYN (Vic.) 41st CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, Oct. 12, 13. Sat., 12th: 6.45 p.m., Temple Day Dinner and Concert. 13th: 11 a.m., speaker, C. G. Taylor, B.A.; soloist, Mrs. C. G. Taylor; 7 p.m., speaker, L. F. Barker; soloists, L. Williams and R. Fraser. All past members and friends welcome. For hospitality phone 85-9457 or 857-7318.

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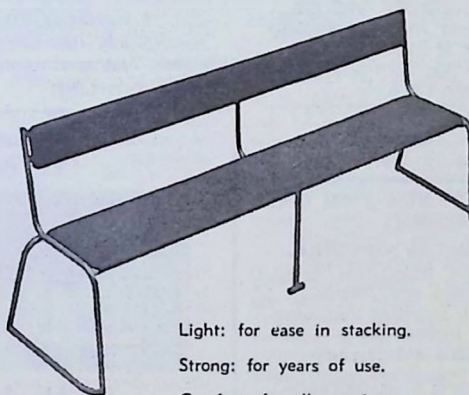
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QUEENSLAND.

Our monthly meeting on Sept. 3, at Ann-st., opened with devotions, led by Mrs. M. Pieper (Albion), the special birthday programme of W.C.W.F. being used. Mrs. Connell (Albion) brought a message in song. This programme, prepared by a sister from Jamaica, was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Acland (President) then opened the business section of the meeting, and welcomed Mrs. Francis (N.S.W.) who was visiting with us. There were 35 ladies present, with apologies from four. Mrs. Mabel Martin was also welcomed back, after long absence following an accident in April.

Plans for the women's programme for the Half-Yearly Conference at Boonah were discussed. A symposium, followed by discussion, will be the highlight of the programme.

Mrs. Potter reported that over 40 registrations were in hand for the C.W.F. camp at Caloundra.

It was revealed by the questionnaires sent to all Fellowships that well over 300 copies of our Handbook will be required for 1964. All orders have not yet been finalised.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed in prayer. — M. Cobline, Sec.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Devotions for September were conducted by Mrs. J. Sewell, who presented the W.C.W.F. 8th Birthday Programme, with Mrs. Drennan as soloist.

The President, Mrs. Armstrong, welcomed all sisters present, especially Mrs. Drennan and Mrs. Des. Nelson (Maryborough, Qld.), who brought greetings. Roll call was answered by 75 sisters, representing 21 Fellowships. Apologies from 7.

The prayer text was shared from Gal. 5: 25. Financial statement, read by Mrs. Stewart, showed a balance in hand of £697/7/6.

REPORTS. Social Service. — Mrs. Holloway brought several items of news and needs required for work, and told of the growth of the work with the women at the Migrant Hostel at Graylands — need for family hospitality. Prayer asked for migrant work.

Christian Guest Home. — Mrs. Cooper stressed the need for an Infirmary. A Garden Party is to be held, with Fellowships asked to discuss ways to help.

Wooroloo and Gairdner Hospital. — Mrs. Verge thanked sisters for prayer support and bedsocks.

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Hospital. — Mrs. Sonsee asked for continued prayer for the patients and visitors — need for magazines for men to read.

Aborigine. — Mrs. Pallot brought several items of news, and asked that we pray for L. Fisher and Bob Williams, attending S.A. Conference, also for the special evangelistic mission held during Race Week in Carnarvon, Sept. 10-22, with Ben Mason; and for special meetings at Norseman with G. Wood, Sept. 23-30.

K. A. Jones (Secretary of Federal College of the Bible) then joined the meeting, and was made welcome by Mrs. Armstrong. He brought a comprehensive picture of the work of the College, and of the work of women in making the students' rooms more homelike. Mrs. Armstrong thanked him for having come along and given us an interesting insight into the College.

Overseas. — Mrs. Gordon had received a prayer letter from Miss Thea Lake (New Hebrides) — pray that a teacher will be found to help her during furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, and that the building programme will advance in time to cope with expected new scholars next year. Sisters were thanked for their response for Christmas Cheer for New Hebridean women.

There being no further business, Mr. Jones closed with prayer. — P. Reid, Sec.

**OBITUARY**

Mrs. Ethel Kennedy.

At the age of 89, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy passed to her great reward on Aug. 23. She came of a pioneering family, her parents being among the first to set up the Lord's Table at Chatham, now Taree, on the Manning River, N.S.W. And it was there that she accepted Christ as her Saviour. Later on she and her husband moved down to Sydney and became faithful members of the historic congregation at Enmore Tabernacle. Then, with the commencement of the work at Burwood, they, with others, met in the Council Chambers until the first portion of the present Burwood building was erected. Though practically bed-ridden for some years, our sister always maintained a lively interest in the work of the churches. To her husband and children, Mrs. B. Years and R. Kennedy, and also to her grandchildren, we extend our sympathy, and yet rejoice in the contemplation of a long and useful life of faithful service for the Lord. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Burwood chapel and also at Rookwood Cemetery. — A. G. Elliott.

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