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The Doncaster (Vic.) Church of Christ celebrates . . .

A CENTURY OF WITNESS

Meetings in connection with the centenary of the church at Doncaster during Sept. 15 to 22 were outstandingly successful. Many former members were welcomed back, and it was a special delight to have fellowship with three former ministers — C. L. Lang (oldest living former minister of church), R. A. Banks and F. B. Burt — and with Mrs. A. W. Connor, whose late husband served in the longest ministry of the church's history.

The church dates its beginnings from Aug. 30, 1863, when nine foundation members were present at a meeting in the home of Thomas Porter (the foundation stone of whose house is included in the present chapel). A small building was erected in 1864, and, with additions, this served the church until 1889, when a fine brick chapel was erected. This remained the spiritual home of the church until July 6, 1957, when a new chapel was officially opened. The two earlier chapels are still in use as part of the overall church facilities.

During the past one hundred years, the church has been served by 20 full-time ministers, in addition to a number who gave voluntary preaching aid. The church was eighteen years old before it was able to call its first full-time evangelist, T. H. Bates, in 1881. Another notable name among the preachers of the nineteenth century was D. A. Ewers, who gave fine leadership from 1891 to 1896.

The church has been blessed by long periods of service by some of its members. On the present membership roll are no less than 22 who have been in continuous membership for 50 years or more; between them they total 1,282 continuous years, an average of over 58 years each. Most are

still in regular attendance, and this certainly applies to the beloved Mrs. T. Petty (widow of a former church secretary), who holds long records as an organist and choir-member, as well as her 74 years of membership. The late John Tully (who was a church officer for 55 years) is the one Doncaster member, apart from ministers, who has served as a Conference President — that was in 1918.

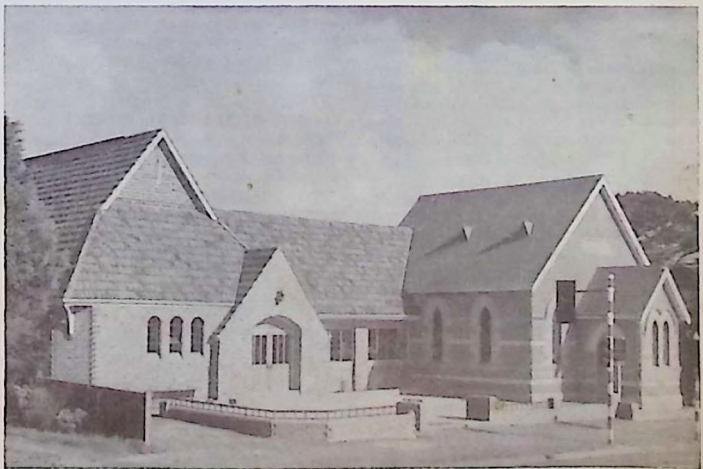
In the name of progress, many lovely orchards in the district have been divided up into home sites in recent years, and this has meant a rapidly increasing population and expanding possibilities for the growth

of the church. At the present time, with a membership of just over 200, the church (as a note in the Centenary Souvenir puts it) is "in the rare and happy position of having the stability of a century-old church and the multiplying opportunities and responsibilities of a new cause." Bible School and youth work is rapidly expanding, and, with other auxiliaries also developing, a great new future awaits this church.

The spirit of gratitude to God for a great past and a challenging present was evident in the first meeting of the Centenary Celebrations, on Sunday morning, Sept. 15. Principal E. Lyall Williams (who has often addressed the church on anniversary occasions) gave a helpful message, and the present minister (C. G. Taylor) presided over a meeting in which all hymns used had been written by Australian members of Churches of Christ. Extra forms and chairs were needed to accommodate the 270 people present. Music from the organist (D. W. Petty) and the choir (led by Mrs. G. Crouch) set a high standard, which was well maintained throughout the special meetings, and won many appreciative comments. The choir sang at all four Sunday services, and also on the Tuesday night.

J. G. Shaw, who begins his ministry with the church early in the new year, gave the evening address on *The Supremacy of Christ*. A. R. Haskell (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) brought a brotherhood greeting, after first leading the congregation of 255 in a ten-minute song-service.

The Athenaeum Hall was packed to capacity on Tuesday night, Sept. 17.
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Church buildings at Doncaster, Vic.

for the Centenary Concert, which proved an outstanding success. The emphasis was on fun in most of the items presented by the various auxiliaries, but vocal and flute solos by Mrs. C. G. Taylor and Miss Heather Tully, respectively, were also appreciated, as was the impressive pageant on the life of Christ, *From This Beginning* (written and directed by Mrs. L. J. Tully), which closed the programme. Proceeds of this concert went to the Centenary Appeal for Dhond Hospital, helping to bring its total to just on £243.

About 250 were present at the Hall on the following Friday night, when the Centenary "At Home" attracted many former members. Speeches were made by W. W. Saunders (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Sec.), R. Banks (former minister), F. H. Delbridge (other churches), C. L. Lang and F. B. Burt (former ministers) and L. Petty (31 years an officer), and an excellent programme presented by three guest artists (Maimie Reid, Kelvin McMillan and Keith Nielsen). The opportunity of informal fellowship around the supper tables was enjoyed to the full — as was an impromptu solo by Chris. Reekie, an old friend of the Doncaster church.

The greetings, presented to the Friday night gathering by Ross Miller (church sec.) included word from another former minister, H. Hargreaves, who was unable to be present.

A great crowd gathered on Sunday morning, Sept. 22, filling the chapel, with an overflow of about 25 in the church hall. Over 300 were present, with 255 communicants. F. B. Burt gave an appreciated address on *A Charge to Keep*, and R. J. Tully presided over the gathering.

In the afternoon many people called in at the church hall to enjoy the fine display of historical photos, arranged by Les and Ralph Petty, with appreciated help from Dick Morrison and Gordon Petty. The ladies served afternoon tea, and all agreed that this informal session was a highlight of the Centenary programme.

At night, the present minister, C. G. Taylor, led in a service of commitment, and the chapel was again well filled with a congregation of 265. The choir was asked to repeat its morning anthem — *Love Divine* — in addition to singing *The Lord Is My Strength*. It was a great finale to a wonderful occasion.

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Refresher Course

N.S.W. MINISTERS.

During the recent school holidays, 35 ministers of N.S.W. Churches of Christ met at Pendle Hill, at the Boys' Home, for a refresher in spiritual things, and for some theological teaching. K. A. Macnaughtan brought studies from the opening

chapters of Genesis, archaeological proof on some problem texts in Daniel, and an approach to prophetic interpretation of the Revelation. In addition, L. J. Harris, of the healing order of the Church of England, inspired by his positive approach to modern healing, and W. Hobbin spoke on industrial chaplaincy. Each hour-long lecture was followed by half an hour of question time.

At the Book Review, many challenging books were presented. One of the assets here is that each of the men spoke of a book that had helped him. In this way there is a wide coverage of material.

The new officers for the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal are: pres., Dan Wakeley; pres.-elect, Ron Elbourne; sec.-treas., Dennis Foletta.

Note Well: The next fraternal meeting will be on Oct. 21 at City Temple, at 10.30 a.m. This interesting meeting will include discussion of the '63-'64 Fraternal programme; reports of recent missions and special efforts; suggestions of speaker and subject for the Conference session.

On Nov. 18, at City Temple at 10.30 a.m. we shall discuss *Music and Programmes that have Worked at Christmas*.—D. Foletta.

OPEN FORUM

ATTITUDE TO ROME.

It is refreshing to read H. J. Flinger's remarks re above in the A.C. of 17/9/63.

Re unity: there is only one sound basis for Christian unity, and that is found in the New Testament. The true Church is composed of only washed in the blood, born again believers. See Rev. 7: 9-17.

Why Protestants, who claim to be Christian, can "crawl" to the Papacy as they do is beyond the comprehension of the ordinary Christian.

It must be realised we can have a union of Churches, and be a long way from unity.

The Church has a greater task to perform in evangelising the world, and preaching the unadulterated Word, than allowing itself to be part of a huge ecumenical movement.

Individuals can think and speak of the dead Pope as they see fit, but it is another matter when a Church eulogises this man.—T. T. Macaulay, McKinnon, Vic.

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American Bible Society participation in a new worldwide effort to triple Scripture distribution in the next three years has been launched with the publication of a pocket-size Spanish edition (500,000 copies) of the First Letter of Peter for distribution throughout Latin America and to Spanish-speaking residents of the United States.

Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Oct. 2, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

S.A. Conference. — The 29th annual Conference of Churches of Christ in South Australia was held in the Grote-st. chapel, Sept. 15-17, under the Presidency of W. Morrow, with Thomas Hagger preaching the Conference Sermon on *The Coming Unity of the Church*. The year showed a net gain of five churches and 823 members, the number of baptisms and the net increase far exceeding those of any previous year in the churches' history. The Bible Schools showed a net gain of 173 teachers and 575 scholars. Resolutions were heartily carried recommending the Committee to engage a Sunday School organiser and evangelist, and also to start a new cause in an Adelaide suburb, and open up the work along the Murray River.

Notes on S.A. Conference. — Roy Raymond is short. R. Harkness is tall, and the former provoked an audible smile when he said the preachers on Eyre Peninsula were not being sent out by twos, but by one and a half . . . H. E. Knott divided speakers into two classes: "Those who have something to say, and those who have to say something". . . The Murray Bridge evangelist, in pleading for a new chapel, complained that when he was preaching there was frequently more wind inside the dilapidated building used than outside. This is rather the complaint of congregations than of preachers as a rule.

Paying the Preacher. — The Religious Herald of America tells of the experience of a Baptist State evangelist who recently held an eight days' mission in a "Hardshell" county in Southern Virginia. He preached twelve sermons, and had a number of additions. He received 82 cents remuneration, and the deacon who took him to the station charged him two dollars and fifty cents for doing so. We have finally decided, after reading this report, to remain in Australia.—D. A. Ewers.

Items of Interest. — The 24th annual Convention of the C.E. Union of Victoria will be held in Melbourne next week, Oct. 8 to 13 inclusive. A fine series of studies on *Jesus, Our Example as a Personal Worker*, will be given by representative speakers. 2,000 Juniors are expected to take part in the Saturday afternoon demonstration . . . W. L. Jones and W. G. Oram are relinquishing their labors at Richmond, Vic. and Swan Hill, Vic., respectively . . . Over 100 teachers and workers were present in the City Temple, Sydney, for the first Conference of B.S. teachers under the direction of the N.S.W. Bible Schools Committee.

A Second Church of Christ in Canberra

A Satellite Community

Canberra as it is known at present is almost fully developed, as far as housing is concerned. By the end of 1963 the last houses will be commenced. From then on, all new houses will be erected in the Yarralumla Creek Valley. In this Valley,



Typical New Home in Yarralumla Creek Valley.

sometimes known as Woden, there will be eleven suburbs, each with about 6,000 people. There will be twelve primary schools and five high schools. There will be a great Civic Centre, as large as the present Canberra Civic Centre. There will be eleven suburban shopping areas, and three other major shopping areas. The Yarralumla Creek Valley is expected to have a population of 60,000 by 1978. The first houses have been erected, and many of them occupied, in Hughes, the first suburb of the new development. By June 1964 there will be 2,500 people in the area. The first school is almost completed, and will commence teaching in January, 1964. The first bus services are running.

A Site for the Church of Christ

For two or three years the Canberra Church of Christ, in consultation with the Federal Executive, has been negotiating with the National Capital Development Commission for a suitable site. Now a site has been offered to the church by the Commission. The Board of Officers of the Canberra church is negotiating for the finalisation of the matter.

The site offered is in a strategic position. It is on a major arterial road, and it is adjacent to the Civic Centre. It will have easy access to all bus routes in the Valley, as well as routes to other parts of Canberra. It is about nine miles from the present Church of Christ buildings. Just 200 yards from this site roads, footpaths, sewerage and water services are being installed in the second suburb, Curtin. By Federal Conference 1966, Curtin will have 3,000 inhabitants; the other suburb immediately

adjacent to the suggested site, called now "Neighborhood 9," will have 2,000; and the whole Valley will have about 10,000 people.

"We Would Be Building"

It is important that the Church of Christ should be represented in the Valley as soon as possible. In these days, when many people are not greatly concerned about one denomination or the other, it is strategic to be first into the field with our message and our evangelistic activities. Realising this, the Canberra church hopes that building can commence in the Valley by the end of 1965, and that by Federal Conference 1966 the second Church of Christ in Canberra will be a going concern.



First Houses to be occupied in Yarralumla Creek Valley.

Already the Canberra church has £1,500 in the South Canberra Building Fund. It is putting aside £15 to £20 per week into this Fund, as well as paying off £17 per week of the debt on the present buildings. This is, of course, over and above normal running costs of the church, and over £500 given for brotherhood and other causes.

The Federal Executive is setting aside £8 per week towards the new building, from the gifts of churches to the Federal Home Mission Fund.



Site offered by Development Commission for Church of Christ Buildings.

Extension Is Hard Work

The Canberra church is aware that the new cause will mean a duplication of all present activities. Already there is more to do than can be handled. But the membership is eager to accept the new challenge. Eventually, a second minister will be needed to assist in the work of the two causes. Inevitably, some help will be needed from the brotherhood in the early stages.

After Forty Years

If the new South Canberra church building is commenced in 1965, it will be just 40 years after the offer of the first building site to Churches of Christ in Canberra. Because the brotherhood did not give fully adequate support in those days, the first site had to be surrendered, and on it now stands a great Roman Catholic school. It is an excellent site, adjacent to the present Civic Centre. Nevertheless, the men who selected this site forty years ago would have rejoiced to know of the possibilities of such a dramatic new move on a similarly strategic site, adjacent to a new Civic Centre, in a new satellite community, commenced because the Canberra that they saw as sheep paddocks, has become a thriving metropolis.



The first site given to Churches of Christ in Canberra 18 years ago. This site had to be surrendered as it was not used in the required time. In the photo are Messrs. Hagger, Ennls, Morrow, Fox, Rofe, and Government officers.

Let's Be Practical

It goes without saying that the Canberra church must have the prayers of the brotherhood in this venture. And it goes without saying that the Australian churches must keep the money rolling in to Federal Home Missions. Gentle reader, I wonder if yours is one of the churches that doesn't give to Federal Home Missions! — G. R. Stirling.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL . . .

There is a considerable vogue today in Christian preaching and practice that professes to speculate in the intricate realm of relationships between the psychic and religion, and to specialise in "positive thinking" as a spiritual remedy for mental problems. The chief ingredient in this spiritual exhortation to "keep your chin up" appears to be the technique of believing in yourself. Regular attendance at church, Bible reading and prayer may be included in the scheme of things, but the most important thing to remember is to encourage your better self. Be bright, be cheerful, be positive. And this, at its face value, seems not a bad notion. Many professing Christians could surely do with a little more brightness, cheer and affirmation.

But if you turn to the Apostle Paul, you will be immediately impressed by the difference in approach. Paul goes down far deeper than the current exponents of mental hygiene. He says to the Ephesians:

"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind" (Eph. 4: 23).

This is an expression of the "New Man," the "Old Man" having been cast off, for the apostle goes on to say, "Put on the new man, who, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness." The word translated "renewed" is not the same as that rendered "new" in the following verse. It rather means "to be made young again," and this process of recovery implies a surrender of the mind, or more than that, the spirit of the mind — which so often requires an effort of the will — to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, that is, the Third Person of the Deity. He is the rejuvenating force. He is the source of Life. He is the means whereby the mind becomes spiritually "en rapport," or in tune with the Mind of Christ. The root of the word used by Jerome in his Latin Vulgate rendering of this verse is that from which we get our word "renovate." These reasons seem to have weighed with Rotherham in giving us "young again in the spirit of your mind," while J. B. Phillips has it, "your-selves mentally and spiritually re-made."

But we cannot make ourselves. Just as Jesus said to his disciples at Galilee, "Follow Me, and I will make you . . ." so he continues to re-make and re-mould us spiritually. Moreover, it is only the power of the Holy Spirit, indwelling our lives, that can give us the Mind of Christ. The apostle appears to be concerned with this same truth in Philippians 2, when he writes, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus . . ." and then proceeds to outline

— The Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Appreciation of the Mind of Christ.

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what he means by the Mind of Christ. He is not thinking of a super "I.Q.," or a photographic mind, comprehending all things — in fact, his concept is not of the intellect at all. No, the mind of Christ is a "Sprit-without-measure" Mind, whereby he graciously took on our human form. He emptied himself, in contrast to the way in which we, in our human folly, fill ourselves at the expense of others. He was obedient, even to the death of the Cross, whereas we, by contrast, are disobedient. Yet, only as we share in this fellowship with Christ can there be any renewal, renewal of the thinking mind by the Holy Spirit. That is why Paul follows this up in Philippians 4, by saying, " whatsoever things are honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report . . . think on these things."

Paul's attitude to the whole matter is

Moral Rather Than Psychological

He is addressing converts from a pagan environment where life is morally loose and lax. He knows how such evil paralyses the spirit. He therefore urges them to be "renewed in the spirit of their mind." Sin is like an anaesthetic. Satanic thought infiltrates into the mind, and renders it insensitive and morally inert. No psychological technique is able to cope adequately with this moral impoverishment. Not that we need have any quarrel with psychology. Psychological method can, and has been, very valuable in solving many problems. But psychology cannot save a soul. Only Christ can do this. Psychology cannot give spiritual nurture to the distraught mind. Only the Holy Spirit can do this.

The work of the Spirit in renewal is to lift up Christ so that, in exchange for our own limited, sinful mind, we have the Mind of Christ. "As a man thinketh — so is he." I am a sinner, and sin, initially, in my mind. It is therefore of relatively little practical use to be told to believe in myself. I must be led to put my trust unreservedly in the One who is Self-giving Love, and who, by his sacrifice on Calvary, has persuaded me that there is hope and pardon and peace, and release from the bondage of sin.

Renewal of the spirit of the mind begins, not in me, but in Christ; not in the self, but in the Cross.

Again, Paul makes it perfectly clear that this renewal is

Social Rather Than Individual

Positive thinking, of course, with its introspective clinical methods, is largely individualistic. And so also is the kind of evangelism that wins the convert and then tends to leave him high and dry to "grow" as well as he is able. But God's work is not done when we are saved from the solitariness of our own souls. Paul's message is essentially presented in a social framework. He has in mind not only the community of evil from which the Ephesians have been redeemed, but also the community of grace into which they have been spiritually born, but in which at the time of writing, they exist as new-born babes. This raises the old question: "Can I be a Christian without the Church?" But no one can effectively live the Christian life in a spiritual vacuum. Notice that Paul says "your mind," and he is using a plural pronoun. This renewal of the spirit of our mind is something that the Holy Spirit does in us as we share the fellowship of others of "like mind."

Now, positive thinking is very good. In fact, it is far better than negative thinking. But it is right here that we are in danger of substituting the good for the best. In the earlier part of Ephesians 4, so familiar to most of us, Paul has been describing the essential "unity" of the Church, a spiritual unity — "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace . . ." But this inner, spiritual unity cannot help but express itself outwardly, since the one Spirit manifests himself in the one Body. Members of Christ's Church are diverse in background, ability, sensitivity and spiritual susceptibility. Yet they are bound together, and direct their various activities to the common end. For this reason, so much depends on the character and spiritual maturity of each individual member. Therefore, it is imperative that we take to ourselves this challenge — "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

The obligations of this new life surging within us render the old sins and the old attitudes obsolete. They can no longer have a place in our minds and in our lives. They can no longer be part of our thinking and our living. But this renewal cannot take the place of the Church, the fellowship of the Spirit. We do not live to ourselves. Hence, this renewal is a spiritual growth which is concerned primarily with our relationship with Christ, and then inevitably with our relationship with others.

This is most apparent in the missionary endeavor of Mary Slessor, a girl who, in her native Scotland, had been afraid of cows, and timid in city traffic, but in Africa became the fearless messenger of light. She had been renewed in "the spirit of her mind" within the context of Christ's commission to "Go," and the need of the darkened minds to which she brought a flame of new hope. Her renewal was social rather than merely individual. It affected her not only in her relationship with Christ, but also in her outreach to needy savages.

But this continuing spiritual process is also essentially

The Work of God Rather Than Man

You cannot effect your own renewal. The Spirit is eager and willing to do this for you. But you can be a

conscious partaker in it, and you are able, if you are willing, to submit to the Spirit in the work that he is doing in you. This is what Paul means by spiritual renewal, by urging us to "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

Mental rehabilitation is not enough. Readjustment, in the purely psychological sense, though frequently helpful, is not enough, because it is a temporal improvement rather than an eternal transformation. Thinking Spirit-prompted thoughts is only possible when the Spirit is actively engaged upon the task of renewal. Thinking Spirit-prompted thoughts—not "spiritual" thoughts, not pious self-righteousness expressed in an unctious jargon, but practical, controlled thoughts colored by the presence and power of Christ—will lead to the development of the Mind of Christ.

Undoubtedly, in the more serious states of depression, psychological techniques can be most beneficial. But no mind can be fully renewed spiritually except by the power of God. In fact, Paul, in writing to Timothy, expressly states that it is God who has given us "the spirit . . . of a sound mind (or wise discretion)." But no technique will obtain for us the Holy Spirit. No special skill guarantees his indwelling power. He acts and we must be willing to be used.

Jesus said, "The Spirit is like the wind" and "bloweth where it listeth." William Temple reminds us that "we can feel its breath on our faces, we can stand in its course, we can set our sails to it" — and as the wind; likewise the Spirit. Therefore, "be renewed in the Spirit of your mind" and set your sails to the Wind of God.

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR



Programme for Nov.

Theme: "Sharing One Another's Burdens"

Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, Bendigo, Vic.

MEDITATION.

Christ Jesus, the great Burden Bearer, invites us: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden." As we share all burdens with him, burdens of fear or perplexity, of duty or guilt, he will enable us to bear one another's burdens effectively.

HYMN.

No. 148, "See How He Loved."

PRAYER.

O Lord, the God of all beauty and goodness, we rest our hearts in thy loveliness as expressed in the sweet wonder of Springtime. Let its miracle work anew in our hearts, giving us fresh perspective in performing our earthly tasks with joy. Help us to reach out and enfold others in our acts of kindness, taking the outdoors to those who are indoors by infirmity or illness. Grant to all the healing blessings as evidenced in the returning life and vitality of Spring, with its wealth of flowers for many baskets. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

BIBLE READING.

Gal. 6: 1-10.

DEVOTIONAL.

As a woman was entertaining friends at luncheon, the phone called her

away three times. Returning the third time she remarked, "There is nothing worse than being bothered all the time." But a guest said quietly, "There is one thing worse. That is not to be bothered at all." It is far better to have burdens, than not to have any burdens at all.

Who knows the gamut of life's burdens? Besides a host of material burdens to be carried on our shoulders or in our arms, there are other various burdens for heart and mind to bear. For good reason, one Scottish family has this upon their seal: "Sub pondere cresco"—"I grow beneath the load." If some of us groan beneath the load, we had better learn and apply the Bible technique of burden bearing.

This is discovered as we bring three texts together: Psalm 55: 22, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." We must sanctify our burdens by referring them to God. Gal. 6: 2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." We must share our burdens by co-operating with each other. Gal. 6: 5, "For every man shall bear his own burden." We must shoulder our own burdens and cease from all disposition to shirk.

Now, as regards Sharing One Another's Burdens, we get an interesting clue from Mrs. Ida Church, as she relates an experience during the Battle for Britain. "One evening, as my husband and I were returning from London, a raid was in progress farther down the line, and we were all turned out of the train to find our own way

home. For us it meant a tramp of about three-and-a-half miles, along an unknown road, in the black-out, and each of us carried a fairly heavy bag. As we left the station, my husband promptly took my bag, insisting that it would be easier for him to carry two than one! Of course, I didn't believe him, until he explained that the balanced weight of the two helped him to keep an even pace, and so get over the ground more easily." Don't we sometimes say: "I really can't help so-and-so, I've troubles enough of my own?" Yet many of us have learned by experience that helping to bear another's burdens actually eases the weight of our own.

HYMN.

No. 397, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

MISSIONARY NEWS.

MISSIONARY PRAYER.

BUSINESS.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

No. 521, "I've Something in My Heart."

BENEDICTION.

W.C.W.F. PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER

"Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil . . ." (1 Kings 3: 9). Let us pray for the United Nations, that it may strengthen peace and brotherhood among the people, and for the governments of all nations, that peace and love of God may rule in their hearts.

CRUSADE '63

CHRISTIAN CENTRE PERTH, W.A.

Dr. Lloyd Jones, minister of City Church, Perth, gave outstanding service as evangelist in a fortnight of meetings, Aug. 11-25. The churches of Perth co-operated in splendid style, accepting the programme of the Crusade Team wholeheartedly.

The Team consisted of Dr. Jones, D. Tonkin (Bunbury) — musical director, leading the volunteer choir and the congregational singing, G. Martin (Northam) — soloist, R. Raymond (South Perth) — organist, R. Donaldson (Fremantle) — pianist, E. Smith (Dalkelth-rd.) — ushers' manager, G. Smith (Subiaco) — counselling supervisor, G. Powell (Cottesloe) — prayer convener, W. Calladine (City Church) — house arrangements, A. Morris (Inglewood) — publicity, K. Patterson (North Perth and State Organiser) — organising secretary.

Others to give special service were Miss L. Issac (South Perth), soloist, D. Cook (City), pianist, Mrs. E. Black (Subiaco), floral arrangements, R. Schilling (Applecross), trumpeter, the North Perth men's octet and J. Stewart (North Perth), cartage.

A host of other members served in numerous ways. Every suburban church appointed a prayer convener,

a choir enlister, a poster superintendent and four meal liaison officers. The meal officers sold and distributed the meal tickets for the four meal meetings designed to provide opportunity for members to invite non-Christian friends. Guest tickets were free or on option of a donation from the member. Over 500 guests came to these meetings. Attendances were: Women's Luncheon, 325; Men's Dinner, 250; Basketballers' and Youth, 420; Tertiary Students, 55.

Mrs. D. Pallot (Dalkelth-rd) and Mrs. L. Peacock (Inglewood) and their kitchen helpers made all marvel at the first-rate meals, the magnificent contribution of time and energy and (to the Home Missionary Committee — the sponsors, on behalf of the brotherhood, of Crusade '63) the financial economy of their efficient service.

Prayer partners were registered beforehand by the local prayer conveners, as prayer partner cards were returned with names through the offering plates. The cards were then returned to all the prayer partners as reminders of their prayer covenant.

Suburban churches gave more than

£120 for publicity, and the thank-offering was £263.

The highest attendances were on Friday, Aug. 16 (Youth Night) and the final meeting, each about 850.

The completion of the seating furnishings in the Christian Centre auditorium before the Crusade brought the hall's appearance to perfection.

The City Chapel afforded perfect surroundings for counselling. Onward with Christ, by H. Bramwell Howard, published by the International Bible Reading Association, was used as a counselling aid, along with a decision card drawn up by Dr. Jones. Forty-seven were recorded as making decisions. 31 recorded a primary acceptance of Christ, and 16 sought restoration, dedication and baptism. Referrals were made to 15 churches. Much joy came from these 27 adolescent and 20 adult decisions, both for the converts and for those who shared in their winning.

The messages and the appeals of Dr. Jones in presenting the gospel most surely inspired the mind and moved the heart. We thank God for such a faith-stimulating and outreach-promoting Crusade.—K. J. Patterson.

OUR FAMILY PAGE



THESE "DOOR-KNOCKS"!

After a five-day blizzard, a Red Cross rescue team was carried by helicopter to a mountain cabin nearly covered with snow drifts. After knocking on the door, one rescuer stepped in and said, "We're from the Red Cross."

"Well," said the mountaineer, scratching his head, "it's been a tough winter, and I don't see how we can give anything this year."—Roadway Express.

Faith that Overcomes

Beatrice C. Joyce.

A very short time ago, death came suddenly and swiftly, and struck a horrible blow in my family circle. My young sister died instantly at the hands of a reckless and careless driver, and left us to move about for weeks in a state of shock, too stunned

to accept or to believe what had happened, or to understand the consequences.

Those days and hours remained a nightmare as we moved about, mechanically making necessary plans and arrangements. The arms of the community were immediately thrown round us, and the church was on the front line, serving and lending its comfort. Friends and relatives came to our home in great numbers and sought to fulfil our needs in every way.

These good people were themselves grieving, and as they searched for words to express their thoughts, perhaps they were in a sense trying to convince themselves that this was "God's will and his doing, and we must accept it as such." But when these words were spoken in my presence, my numbed mind always fought back and I almost shouted: "No! No! This is not the God whom I love and whom I worship. This is not his doing! He did not will that she should die at the hands of a thrill-seeker behind the wheel of a car! Oh, how easy it is to say, "This is God's will . . . accept it." Pack it off on him! For shame, the way he lets his children suffer!

No, if this were indeed my thinking

and my belief, my days as a Christian would have ended. This was the day against which I had prepared, and my prayer had always been that when such a crisis came, my faith would be strong enough to stand.

My hopes and prayers were answered and God did not fail, nor does he ever. We knew his presence was very near, and we called on him constantly. He was the Great Comforter and the Good Shepherd. Without God at his side, my dad could not possibly have prayed, as we gathered around the table the day following the service, "Father, we thank thee for these and all our blessings."

What blessings indeed if we had believed that God removed our beloved member from us! Is this to say we grieve not or doubt not? Far from it. Oftentimes the way grows weary and the days seem dark, and we find it difficult to experience our Father's presence, or even to pray. Sometimes we have been tempted to cry out as did Christ, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Even though these times come when one reaches the point of despair, our Christian faith does prevail, and we believe in and depend upon the great

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Supplied by R. S. A. McLean.

New Hebrides Newsletter

August has been quite an eventful month over here in the Islands. The highlight, of course, has been the "welcome home" to the Federal Secretary, who has been able to visit villages on the three main islands and have profitable discussion with native leaders and missionaries.

Field Council Meetings. — In the middle of the month (15th - 19th) most of the missionaries crowded into Nasawa for our "second Annual Meeting" this year! With about seventeen present at most sessions, there was plenty of fellowship, frank discussion and fun. Unfortunately, Sister Jones and Mrs. Coulter had to say at home, and the Edwards family were only able to call for a couple of hours as they left in a hurry for Australia on account of Mrs. Edwards' father's illness.

With Mr. McLean present, it was possible to discuss in detail many plans for the future, and some progressive moves were made. Perhaps the most important decision was that David and Marcella Engling should proceed to Banmatmat (South Pentecost) to establish a Bible College by early 1965. David will spend school vacations and other times erecting a house for the family to occupy by the end of next year. An experienced single woman teacher will be sought for the Ndul Ndul Junior Primary School. Pray for this new venture, that it may lead to the more rapid establishment of the indigenous church.

First Medical Conference. — Dr. Coulter and Sister Smith last month attended a three-day conference in Vila and reported a profitable time. The Administration approved of plans for improvements at Ndul Ndul, but not for proposed extensions to accommodate fifty patients. It was felt, however, that no sound arguments were presented against our plans, and work will proceed as soon as possible to relieve overcrowding.

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mercy of God toward his children. And we can join together and sing with gladsome minds, "Love divine, all loves excelling," and pray still as we did then in the simple memorial services: "Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name!"—**The Christian.**

Visitors to Pentecost. — Not long before the Conference, Dr. Coulter made a trip to Pentecost. He took T.B. tests on all patients at Ranawat and school children at Ranwadi, and did a patrol to some distant Southern villages, some of which are still heathen.

The British Resident Commissioner, Mr. Wilkie, paid his first visit to these stations, and an Education Officer inspected the Ranwadi School on another occasion. These times were very much appreciated by the missionaries, who do not often have the opportunity to entertain official visitors.

On the Sunday of Mr. McLean's visit, there were twenty teenage school children baptised. For the first time, the women joined in the service by helping candidates make their way through the line of people into the sea.

George Mathieson, who accompanied Mr. McLean, was quite a help at the Ranawat dispensary during his brief stay. He is now assisting Dr. Coulter at Ndul Ndul.

Information and Inspiration. — Slides of our work in India and New Guinea drew crowds of three and four hundred to Ndul Ndul chapel during Mr. McLean's last week in the Islands. His main emphasis was on evangelistic outreach by the people themselves, and they were challenged by stories of their brothers in other lands. The final meeting lasted till almost 11 p.m., with the traditional farewells and handshakes.

Here and There. — Mr. and Mrs. Winch are now settling into temporary quarters at Londua, where they will probably locate from now on. Some progress has been made on the boys' dormitory and the T.B. ward at Ndul Ndul.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludgater are busily preparing Londua senior boys for overseas examinations late in October. Language study is also being done on a couple of afternoons a week and is proving helpful in village preaching.

The Harris sisters, at present on a "working holiday," have recently shifted to Ranwadi to accompany Thea Lake.

For those who are used to receiving a circular letter from the field, reports are, for various reasons, being made through The Australian Christian. Do pray that, in this period of development here, we may be conscious of God's guidance and blessing.

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QUESTING
 A. E. White.
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Can a church be helped by the work of deaconesses, and should they be on the official Church Board?

Our children have been ultra-conservative with respect to the position of women. There was an almost complete prohibition of their use in general worship and leadership. Women just did not take any part in worship services and it would have been unthinkable for them to become members of an official Church Board.

It is interesting to note that other churches are increasing their use of deaconesses, especially in the fields of pastoral care and Christian education. In new areas, where economic and other factors prevent the use of ministers and the building of chapels, the deaconesses develop Sunday schools in available halls and homes, teach religious instruction in State schools, and maintain contact with their church members through pastoral visitation.

In our churches in Australia, it seems to me that deaconesses are used to give assistance to the sick, to care for the communion linen, and to help girl and women candidates for the ordinance of baptism. Usually, they have no place on the official Board.

There is every reason why women who are competent and committed should be encouraged to serve the church in areas of counselling and education and to give leadership where appropriate. After all, we not only permit this but we expect it of our lady missionaries.

There should be room in our brotherhood for the sisterhood of service. It would be good if some of our young women were equipped for full-time service as deaconesses. But we have a genius for using spare-time service. Many of our women engage in hospital visitation and other activities, which show that they are as fit as any for spare-time witness in the frontier areas of our cities.

If deaconesses are to be used in wider service and given added status, it is only natural that they should serve on our official Boards — as deaconesses. A deacon is a servant of the church. So is a deaconess. It is time that we saw the title "deaconess" as the feminine of "deacon." At present, it has no relationship whatever to the masculine office.

Yes, a church can be helped by deaconesses and I do think they should be on the official Board.

HERE AND THERE

An urgent telegram from R. S. A. McLean (Overseas Mission Fed. Sec.) makes the following announcement: "Dr. Abdul Haq, of the Billy Graham Team, will conduct an evangelistic crusade at Baramati, India, commencing Oct. 27. The brotherhood is requested to pray earnestly for this campaign."

Churches of Christ representative on Melbourne TV this month will be A. Avery (H.M. Field Worker, Vic.-Tas.), who will appear on the Bible reading sessions on GTV-9 Epilogue, Oct. 16 and 17.

Gus. E. Selsman, who concludes his work at the Federal College of the Bible this year, will visit his parents in West Germany, and then return to take up a ministry with the S.A. Home Mission Dept. and the church at Gawler.

The new church at Windsor Gardens in S.A. is now engaged in a "consolidation ministry" with the H.M. Organiser, and will enter into full-time ministry in January with A. M. Norris, B.A., who will complete his work at Nailsworth.

The ministers of the Western Suburban Churches (Vic.) arranged a "Deeper Spiritual Life Convention," which was held at Footscray on Sept. 21, guest speaker being D. G. Hammer (Maylands, S.A.). Meetings were held in the afternoon and evening, and Mrs. D. Ferguson was soloist. A fellowship tea was enjoyed, and during the tea intermission Mr. Hammer screened slides of the Aboriginal work at Carnarvon Mission, W.A.

J. H. McCormick, who completes a five year ministry at Kedron, Qld., on Dec. 15, will commence a ministry at Wattle Park, Vic., on Feb. 9, 1964.

To mark the first anniversary of Townsville (Qld.) church moving into the new All Purpose Hall, special services were held on Sept. 22, and took the form of a Temple Day. Preparations for the day had been undergirded with prayer. The guest preacher for the day was C. Perkins (Charters Towers). Many visitors from Charters Towers and Ayr joined in the fellowship of the day, and were given hospitality by Townsville brethren. It was a day when records were broken. 69 attended the morning worship and 53 the evening gospel service. There were 59 communicants, the highest yet recorded. The Temple Day offering has amounted to over £90, and it is confidently expected that the target of £100 will be exceeded. This is in addition to the average weekly offer-

ing of £18. The messages brought by Mr. Perkins were much appreciated, and the solos sung by Mrs. Gwynne, accompanied by Mr. Brumby, greatly assisted the worship at the evening service, at the close of which many remained to listen to an edited tape recording of the opening ceremony 12 months previously. The brethren at Townsville have been much encouraged by these special services, and the splendid response to the Temple Day offering will be used to assist in liquidating the debt on the Hall.—C. E. Brumby.

Three S.A. preachers were all recently hospitalised for surgery. All are now back in their work. They are: D. G. Hammer (Maylands), M. D. Williams (Fullarton), K. D. Horne (D.C.E.).

Members of the Wingham and Taree (N.S.W.) churches welcomed Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Paddon and family on Saturday evening, Sept. 21. The meeting was held in the Wingham building, under the chairmanship of V. T. Parker. Greetings and welcome were conveyed by the Mayor of Wingham, A. Bullock, on behalf of the Wingham church, with V. T. Parker representing Taree. Responses were made by Mr. and Mrs. Paddon, after which time was spent round the supper table. On the previous Sunday evening (Sept. 15), opportunity was taken at Wingham to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, who have been conducting an interim ministry there. Presentations were made on behalf of the Wingham church by the secretary (R. Budden), and a gift was made as well from Taree members by A. W. Billingham.

Alan Paton, the South African novelist, and president of the Liberal Party there, told some 400 students at the University of Capetown that, although he believed a radical change in the country's society could be achieved without bloodshed, an increasing number of "completely frustrated South Africans" were coming to regard violence as the only solution. However, he said, he did not think the system of white supremacy would collapse until strong pressure was brought to bear on the Government, both from within the country and outside it. At the present time, he said, he thought that internal pressure on the Government was decreasing, while external pressure was increasing. In answer to a question if he advocated external pressure, he said he had done so in the past and that he stood by his previous statements. He said that he thought the

possibility of change within the ruling Nationalist Party itself was "not very promising at the moment."—E.P.S., Geneva.

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Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly Convention

Maryborough, Sept. 7, 1963.

A. R. Haskell (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres.) presided over very successful gatherings, in which forty churches were represented. Inspirational fellowship was the keynote of the meetings in the Maryborough Town Hall, and also of the meal-times in the lower Town Hall and the Presbyterian Hall.

On arrival at Maryborough, visitors were greeted with a welcome cup of tea, after which the morning session began. R. C. Pritchard (Maryborough) led devotions, and L. G. Crisp (Wattle Park) presented an outstanding Biblical study on Christ in the Gospels.

Lunch was followed by a conducted tour of the city, which proved most popular. The afternoon session was in the hands of the Dept. for the Promotion of Christian Union, and, following devotions led by C. L. Smith (Hampton), H. F. Gross (Federal Board of Christian Education) introduced the subject, The New Testament, Congregationalism and Unity. This stimulated many questions, which were quickly framed by groups and presented to a panel, comprising H. F. Gross, C. L. Smith and J. G. Shaw (Springvale). Interest was keen, and it was regretted that time prevented consideration of all the questions submitted.

A Christian Women's Fellowship session followed, conducted by Mrs. M. Morrison (C.W.F. Pres.), on the theme, A Forward Look. Mrs. Betty Allen (Ballarat) reported on the women's camp.

At the evening service, G. Gilmour (Asst. Sec. of Conf.) led devotions, and K. J. Clinton (C.O.B. Faculty) spoke on A Faith For This One World.

Mrs. R. Walker was pianist, with Max Murray (Ballarat) song-leader. The Maryborough Ladies' Choir (under Miss J. Bartlett) gave much appreciated items at all meetings.

The catering committee (led by Mrs. S. Nicholls) proved untiring in the big task of serving over 700 meals, while the committee chairman (R. C. Pritchard) did not spare himself in efforts to help make the Convention so successful. The local church worked as a team to ensure that every visitor felt the warmth of their welcome.

Thanks is extended to all who helped in any way towards the enjoyment of a really worthwhile Convention.



INTERSTATE CHURCH NEWS

shown, depicting removal of buildings from Kelleve and Bream Creek to new site at Copping.

QUEENSLAND

Discipleship

J. Finnigan, Roma, Qld.
 Jannette Terry, Caulfield, Vic.
 R. Couper, R. Hillbrich, Carnegie, Vic.
 Cheryl McCarthy, Noble Park, Vic.
 Jamie Morley, Inglewood, W.A.
 Gayle Harding, Earlwood, N.S.W.
 Beryl Bickerton, Albury, N.S.W.
 Mr. Ruff, Burwood, Vic.
 Graham Harrison, Woorinen, Vic.
 Shirley Peters, Sue Walters, Ascot Park, S.A.
 Lynette Reid, Brendon Doyle, Allan Taylor, Enmore, N.S.W.
 Robin Wassell, Frankston, Vic.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson, Milheara, Vic.

Membership

Mrs. McCall, Roma, Qld.
 Miss Rabe, Caulfield, Vic.

Marriage

Miss Y. Blake to I. Floyd; Miss J. Williams to P. Jerome, Northcote, Vic.
 Jennifer Coulson to Dennis Berry, Carlton, Vic.
 Edna Lobbe to J. Martin, Albury, N.S.W.
 Lola Hayes to John Porter, Footscray, Vic.
 Glenys Evans to Malcolm Stewart, North Essendon, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. Scheider, Ascot Park, S.A.
 J. Knowles, Chadstone, Vic.
 E. Stirling, East Preston, Vic.

TASMANIA

Devonport (E. W. Taylor). — Married couple baptised prior to morning service on Sept. 1, and at evening service young lady accepted Christ. During absence of minister at Copping, services on 8th were addressed by B. Greene. P.m., 15th, slides

ness; many visitors from local Protestant churches. Expanding programme of prayer now commencing with pre-gospel meeting vigil; in addition, each Thursday between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. for benefit of homegoing workers, and weekly during the day for C.W.F. members. Officers have been discussing some aspects of Design for Development.

Kedron (J. H. McCormick). — All auxiliaries of church going along well and proving most satisfactory. Annual meeting well attended, and much interest shown in reports. Don Stevens is the new B.S. supt. G. Haigh retains position of church elder; P. Smith, chairman; R. Mutzelburg, sec.; H. Well, treas. Stewardship Campaign chairman, M. Russel, has proved his worth, and with Mr. McCormick has everything well in hand, with a church family tea for Sept. 20, for which women of the church catered. Some members missed, owing to illness.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Inglewood (A. W. Morris). — Church indebted to V. Stafford, K. A. Jones, W. Paget, J. K. Robinson and C. Olds, who have spoken at services. W. Henderson home from hospital, and making good progress. One confession of faith, "A" grade and "under 19" basketball team successful in competitions. After-church fellowship held on 22nd, to farewell Miss Kath Martin, returning to missionary service in Africa, also to Col. Jarvis, going to U.S.A. to further studies. C.W.F. and C.Y.F. held fund-raising activities during month. On Sept. 16, men's tea held prior to evening service; C. Court spoke on development of North-West.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury - Wodonga - Lavington (D. Oldfield - P. Kavanagh). — K. Crawford (Director H.M. N.S.W.) conducting Teaching of Giving campaign. Numerous members ill, others convalescing. Work on new kitchen and kinder entering final stages. Gems of Joy evangelistic group conducted a meeting on 23rd. Building was packed. There has been one decision.

Inverell (R. Powell). — Church welcomed visit by team of Woolwich students, Sept. 14-15. During Boys' and Girls' Club meeting on Sat. evening, students conducted quizzes, presented items and showed slides entitled, Human Clay, depicting work of the College. During B.S. on Sun. morn-

East Ipswich - Leichhardt (R. Acland). — All phases of work progressing. Preparations in hand for opening of new building and 41st anniversary. Zone prayer meetings well attended. All looking forward to Faith for Space-Age campaign in Oct. Members have been attending campaign at Lowood. Scholars of both B.S.'s did well in recent Scripture exams. On Sept. 22, V. G. Boettcher addressed church. There has been one decision.

Roma (B. M. Nowitzke). — C.W.F. held successful street stall, taking £37. Y.P. meeting Sept. 6 took form of hike and barbecue at home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Waldron. Youth night on 1st, when film, Part-Time Christian, was screened, was biggest ever; 74 present. Visits from S. Chalmers (Social Service) and P. C. Williams (Bible College Establishment Com.) appreciated.

Murgon (H. C. Wheat). — Recent visitors have been M. Pieper (Qld. Bible College Com.) and D. Mansell (Qld. H.M. Dir.). Minister travelled to Eidsvold with D. Mansell, Sept. 13, for meeting with native congregation; over 60 present. Mrs. Berlin appointed C.F.A. agent for church. Sept. 20, Y.P. joined with Kingaroy C.Y.F. in inspection of J. Hayden's sawmill; Mrs. Hayden served supper in office.

Townsville (R. N. Gilmore, B.A.). — Av. attendance Aug., a.m. 40; p.m. 32; communicants 37. Successful camp for juniors held during holidays, with seniors joining for weekend session. C.W.F. held first birthday meeting since moving into new hall; visiting speaker, Mrs. R. Smith (Methodist). 80 women present included many visitors from other local churches, in addition to C.W.F. members who travelled from Charters Towers and Ayr for the occasion. C.W.F. has forwarded large parcel to Aborigines Mission, W.A. Gifts also sent to missionaries in New Guinea. B.S. second in State Efficiency Campaign. P. Walker (B. & F. B. S.) addressed an a.m. service and shared with minister's telecast over TNQT, when latest film on B. & F. B. S. work was screened; much favorable comment. Minister addressed Baptist Men's Fellowship, and has been appointed Chaplain at Stuart Gaol. R. Story (U.F.M.) addressed combined church meeting and screened film, Were Sometimes Dark-

ing, one of team (Samuel Bull) told scholars of New Hebrides and work being carried out by our missionaries over there. Students also took part in both church services. Senior members of Teens' Fellowship won inter-church Bible quiz during Scripture Union rally. Rally followed by tea in Methodist hall and film, A Family Affair, screened. Prayer and Bible study meetings being held in homes of members.

Enmore (E. Shadbourne). — Attendances on increase. Happy fellowship hour held every alternate Sunday night after gospel service. Two B.C. girls baptised. B.S. in good heart. Y.P. Bible study group hold meetings at home of church elder, A. Williams.

Taree (V. T. Parker). — In absence of minister at Lismore, Sept. 15, services were taken by K. Kilner (Woolwich). Mrs. Kilner also welcomed. B.S. anniversary commenced 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. B. Armstrong (Caringbah) were present, Mr. Armstrong being guest speaker for three services. Annual business meeting accepted recommendations of finance committee and the Board of Officers for allocation of £1,420 for financial year ending June. Gifts included brotherhood depts. and other Christian works. Besides this, members assisted Wingham church and made contributions to Missions, making the total a little over £2,000. Much financial advancement has come through Planned Giving Programme, which has had loyal co-operation of united membership.

Earlwood (F. Elliott - R. Craig). — Increase in youth numbers at gospel meeting on Sept. 22; one baptism. In absence of F. Elliott, S. Sulfaro conducted meeting, and R. Craig presented message. Church congratulated 6 scholars on success in B.S. examination. Sympathy extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Morris in sudden Home call of Mr. Morris' mother.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Brighton Gardens (C. H. J. Wright, B.A.). — Attendances well maintained. During Interstate Basketball Carnival preparations, Brighton Gardens club entertained S.A. team at after-church supper. Parents of State team were accompanied by their daughters, who helped to conduct church service. "C" grade girls' basketball team from local church won premiership in Churches of Christ Assoc. comp. Cricket club entering two teams in United Churches' Assoc. C.M.S. visited E.T.S.A. (Osborne). C.W.F. held apron parade in aid of church building fund; £21 raised. Social evening organised to aid Freedom From Hunger campaign. Life Boys and Cabin Boys held church parade; Life Boys formed choir. J.C.E. contributed £18 to Missions. B.S. successful in passing State Efficiency Campaign. Church

thankful that R. Holland now convalescing at Kalyra; Mrs. Cooper home from hospital; S. McFarlane is making good recovery, and Mrs. Boyle now able to attend services. Half-yearly business meeting held 18th.

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). — Appreciable rise in B.S. attendance after wintry weather. Two girls received into fellowship, Sept. 22. Baptismal service held at night; two further decisions. Mrs. Rough in hospital for surgery. Sympathy extended to family of the late Mrs. Schelder.

Grote-st., Adelaide (R. Greenhalgh). — Attendances at all meetings continue to please; on Sept. 15 there were 168 communicants. Morning service broadcast over 5CL, with inspired singing by choir, under leadership of J. Hall. C.W.F. held special social evening for church members, 17th, with W. Bradley as M.C. F. Manning guest speaker at ladies' Monday prayer meeting, showing slides of Overseas Mission work. Members on sick list include P. Manning, M. Tabe and A. E. Brown. On 24th, W.M.B. held concert with aid of Hindmarsh Army Timbrel Brigade and Port Adelaide Corps.; proceeds for Overseas Missions. Y.P. table tennis teams concluded a successful season.

VICTORIA

Dawson-st., Ballarat (F. C. Hunting). — Aug. and Sept. notable periods in church experience. In first month, church commenced Family Adult Education, aided by helpful guidance of L. A. Trezise (Direc., Dept. of Christian Education). During Sept., church launched campaign for big increase in sense of stewardship, especially in financial giving for all aspects of work. In this step forward a three weeks' visit by A. Avery (Dept. Home Missions and Evang.) has been of much advantage. On Sept. 17, church dinner in Lower Civic Hall attended by about 270, with about 100 children meeting in B.S. building. K. H. Price was chairman, J. A. Wilkie gave survey of past history and extension to Mount Clear and to Ballarat North; other speakers emphasised various aspects of new advance. Amount already in view is most encouraging. One baptism p.m. 22nd.

Carnegie (R. Hillbrich). — Two young men made decisions Sept. 15; 114 present a.m. Church decided to buy electronic organ. B.S. responding excellently to appeal to support and adopt a boy at Carnarvon. B.S. devoting appeals to missionary work. Margaret Couper and John McDonald, both active workers in B.S. and clubs, honored prior to marriage.

Caulfield (F. A. Youens). — Half-yearly business meeting held. Increase of 10 in membership for period.

Finances in sound condition. £6,000 paid off new hall debt in little over 2 years. B.S. held tea and many stayed for gospel service. Sick members are Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Rysdyk. Mr. Peet and Mrs. Sault attending services after surgery. Two welcomed into membership, one after baptism. Helen Lees captain of Vic. touring basketball team at Interstate competitions, Adelaide, and Glensie Beer captain of Vic. basketball team at Churches of Christ-Baptist Interstate competitions, Adelaide.

Croydon (W. J. Thomson). — Many visitors present at services. Yoga for the Southern Hemisphere was subject of Mr. Garratt for C.W.E.F. meeting. Successful progressive dinner held by C.W.F. on Sept. 10. Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Welsh have undergone surgery. G. Raisbeck able to attend services after long illness. An all-auxiliaries night held at gospel service of 22nd. Film, The Prior Claim, screened.

Dandenong (A. R. Lloyd). — C.M.S. entertained ladies of church at banquet tea and programme on Sept. 15. Evening also took form of church's welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards from Pentecost, New Hebrides. Mrs. L. Williams and A. B. Withers were present, and gave welcome from the Overseas Dept. Young lady made decision on 8th. Several luncheons held in members' homes prior to Woman to Woman evangelism meetings, with Messrs. Rankine, Newham and Stafford as speakers. Sympathy of church offered to Messrs. Tulloch, Edwards, Spurr and Fulton in loss of loved ones.

Maryborough (R. Pritchard). — W.M.B. held picture night, Sept. 20, at which films of trip to U.S.A. were screened by Sis. Greer. Half-yearly business meeting, 18th; encouraging reports received. Opening of new building eagerly awaited. Midland District Conference held on 28th; whole programme was in the hands of Vic. Overseas Mission Dept. At a.m. service on 29th, J. Edwards (New Hebrides) guest speaker, also screening films to B.S.

Noble Park (A. B. Titter). — At evening service of Sept. 1, Y.P. Fellowship took part. On 7th, they held successful fancy dress social. Explorers' club held church parade and took part in evening service on 8th. C.W.F. meeting addressed by Mrs. Geyer (Overseas Mission Dept.). On 14th, Good Companions took part in indoor sports at North Fitzroy. One baptism 15th.

North Williamstown (T. A. Ferguson). — One confession of faith, Sept. 15. New buildings and alterations to chapel well advanced. Church well represented at Deepening of Spiritual Life meetings at Footscray, 21st, ar-

ranged by Western Suburban ministers. Mrs. Mitchell welcomed to services after period of sickness. C.M.S. held father and son tea, 15th; speaker, Mr. Mudge. Mrs. R. F. Geyer spoke to C.W.F. on our Mission work in India. Midweek meeting attendances averaging 18. D. G. Hammer (Maylands, S.A.) a.m. speaker 22nd. Assistance of soloists at gospel services appreciated.

Northcote (A. B. Withers). — S. Pinches addressed church a.m. Sept. 8. Cricket club held annual meeting. Two teams entered in district comp. N. Edwards ill; Ruth Bangsund underwent surgery. Two couples honored prior to marriage.

Portland (A. C. Male). — September saw celebration of Decade of Witness, with R. V. Holmes (Mt. Gambier, S.A.) guest speaker. Variety concert arranged by C.W.E.F. and held in Library Hall, compered by A. Fox (magician-illusionist). Proceeds to Hall Fund. C.W.F. held successful 22nd birthday musicale afternoon on Sept. 12; stall raised over £30. At monthly men's tea, slides of birds shown by O. Lighthood. Four members attended Convention at Maryborough. During minister's absence in Melb., services conducted by L. McKenzie and A. Wyllie. Matron Stewart (Portland Hospital) addressed C.W.E.F. on 19th, on Pre-Hospital Preparation of Children.

South Melbourne (A. Cutt). — Youth activities well under way again with re-commencement of Explorer Club for boys and Youth Group. Explorers meet on Tues. and Wed., and Youth Group on Fri. nights under leadership of minister. Good Companions have 59 girls enrolled. Prayer meetings and Bible study held fortnightly. Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Cutt, snr. (W.A.) to services. Mr. Cutt presided at morning service Sept. 8. This was the first time in church's history that father and son have conducted same service. Av. attendances: a.m. 35; p.m. 40.

Swan Hill (D. G. Beanland). — Baptismal service conducted Sept. 8, when two young people were immersed. F. Combridge (Dept Social Service) visited church on 15th and preached at both services and combined men's brotherhood meeting. Number of non-members in evidence at evening services, which are well attended. Much sickness prevalent.

Footscray (G. S. Brown). — C.M.S. joined in father and son tea at North Williamstown on Sept. 15. C.W.A.F. held afternoon at Mrs. I. Carter's home on 17th, when Mrs. Anderson explained about book, Women's World. C.W.E.F. held salmagundi evening for birthday on 18th. They also held jumble sale on 24th. Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. C. Andrew in loss of brother. Men joining in

special prayer meetings for forthcoming Crusade for Men.

Kyneton (K. H. Pitt). — Services for month well maintained. Ladies have started Ladies' Guild, under leadership of Mrs. Peucker (pres.) and Mrs. Kennedy (sec.). Presentation made to Marion Gilmore on occasion of her marriage. Thanks to I. Blenkinson (C.O.B.) for his services. Group of Y.P. visited Echuca for Midlands Youth Rally. Number of visitors during month.

Burwood (H. J. Patterson, M.A.). — Three baptisms at youth service, Sept. 1, and one decision same night. These received into fellowship 8th. Y.W.L. progresses, with large attendances at morning services. Ladies enjoyed an Ask the Minister Night on 2nd. Y.P. conducted mannequin parade for Miss Highbury-rd. Proceeds in aid of Freedom From Hunger campaign.

Stawell (C. A. R. Smith). — Loyal Orange Lodge attended evening service, Sept. 22. Mrs. Williams and Misses D. and E. Williams (Bundaberg, Qld.) welcomed back to C.W.F. meetings. Good attendances continue. Church congratulates minister on his engagement.

Woorlnen (D. Beanland). — Work progressing on alterations and renovations to church buildings, with Sat. working bees. Young man baptised and received into fellowship. Visit from A. Pigdon (J.E.W.) appreciated; his address on work among the Jews interesting and informative. Brief visit from F. Combridge (Social Service Dept.) also appreciated. Other visitors welcomed. Ladies held annual Spring Fair, combined with other churches in district, Sept. 11. Mrs. Pearce home from hospital, but Miss Gillespie still inmate.

Berwick (K. A. Mason). — Anniversary concert which took form of a three act play, The Other Children, and produced by Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilson, was well attended. Proceeds of £36 went to Aborigine Advancement League and Manse Fund. Y.P. of church and B.S. conducted evening service on Sept. 1. Morning services well attended.

Carlton (R. J. Duckett). — Speaker at both services, Sept. 15, was P. Retchford. Mrs. Clark (Invermay, Tas.) recent visitor. B.S. anniversary services on 22nd outstanding success. Singing by scholars, under leadership of R. Ratten, accompanied by orchestra, was very pleasing. Thanks to all who assisted. Speakers were R. Amos (Blackburn) and H. Barklay (missionary, Nepal).

Chadstone (P. E. Perry). — B.S. picnic at Ferry Creek on Sept. 14 was attended by approx. 230 scholars and adults. Church saddened by passing of J. Knowles; sympathy extended

to his wife and family. H. Gross, a.m. speaker 8th. Junior C.Y.F. camp at Mt. Macedon, 7th-8th., attended by 21, including minister and Mr. and Mrs. Staley. C.M.S. annual meeting elected: pres., G. Montgomery; deputy-pres., K. Walker; sec., R. Berghoff, treas., R. Bald.

Maldstone (D. A. V. Thomas). — Bible Sunday and Father's Day services featured. C.W.F. had visit from rep. of Regions Beyond Mission, who screened slides of work in Nepal. C.Y.F. visited Oakleigh Guest Home. Ladies attended C.W.F. birthday at Footscray. Sympathy of church extended to Gray family in loss of son, Ken. N. Freeman recovering from accident. Church sympathises with Mr. Elgat in loss of his business establishment by fire. Members supported District Convention at Footscray, Sept. 21. C.Y.F. visited carpet-making factory. Av. attendances, a.m., 80; p.m. 70.

Clayton (J. L. Reld). — Good attendances maintained. B.S. reports steady growth. Minister conducted mission at Ballarat, and visited Woolamal to support their missionary project. Visiting speakers have been Neville Horn, Dawn Martin, T. Ede (Prahran) and R. Duckett (Carlton). G.L.B., ably led by Gwen McKelvie, is flourishing, and 30 young members attended dedication service.

East Preston (T. Lane). — Members rejoicing that church is now self-supporting. Deep appreciation expressed to Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism for assistance over several years. Stewardship, Deeper Levels Campaign, reached climax at church dinner on Sept. 8. Many thanks to Essendon ladies for assistance. Immediate assessment of the campaign reveals promising future. Splendid audio-visual produced by minister on Sangster's booklet, You Can Be a Millionaire. Junior girls' basketball team premiers. C.W.E.F. enjoyed evening with Bill Cooper, journeying into Central Australia. C.E. had visit from "Seeing Eye" dog training centre. Educational films screened on temperance. Sympathy extended to Stirling family in passing of their father.

Frankston (R. H. Patterson). — Planned Giving Programme results most gratifying, not only with increased offerings, but also with increased attendances and interest. C.Y.F. concluded month of special programme, Co-operation Increase Campaign. This included special club nights, Sunday evening services, and youth to youth visitation. Special speakers on Sunday evenings have been A. Avery, A. King, C. Bolwell, B. Jones, and song-leader, Ian Watt. Many other members assisted at services. Much interest shown in work of C.W.A.F., and visit paid to Tootgarook on Sept. 17. C.W.E.F. has had special speakers (R. Watt and Mrs.

Dorning). In basketball competition for Frankston churches, girls' B grade reached semi-finals. A grade girls were premiers. B.S. anniversary services on 22nd were addressed by A. King and R. Brooker. Special singing under leadership of A. Reed. Baptismal service, 15th.

North Essendon - Millera (A. E. White, B.A. - T. Mason). — At Millera, attendances at morning services and communion are keeping up satisfactorily, also evening meetings of Junior C.Y.F. Married couple baptised by T. R. Mason, Sept. 15. B.S. is attended by average of 100 children. At North Essendon, attendances lower than usual, due to much sickness among members. Mrs. Funston and Mrs. Ploog still in hospital. On 20th, number of ladies attended W.W.D.O.P. at Essendon Baptist Church, where 21st anniversary luncheon and service of this group were capably led by Mrs. A. E. White, pres. On 22nd, teenage girl made her decision, being 4th generation in family to do so. On 24th, about 22 Mission Group ladies went to Guest Home at Onkleigh and supplied variety of food and entertainment. Recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Harris (Adelaide). North Essendon church, with other district Churches of Christ, is exploring possibility of establishing new church in Jacana or Broadmeadows area, where there is rapid growth of new population.

Prahran (T. H. Ede). — B. & F. B. S. held annual meeting in chapel, Sept. 3. Minister spoke at rally at Clayton. B.S. scholars and teachers distributed over 1,000 leaflets in district. C.W.F. held successful birthday on 18th. Minister on vacation. Speakers, 22nd, were W. Gaunson and B. Wells.

Pyramid Hill (C. G. Henderson). — Y.P. held social Hawaii evening, and entertained about 100 Y.P. from surrounding clubs. Church enjoyed messages from D. H. Smith, Mrs. Rankine and Mrs. Morrison, Sec. and Pres., Vic.-Tas. churches' C.W.F. C.E. invited C. of E., Methodist and our own minister to speak of views and origins of churches. Church members also present, and enjoyed evening. C.W.F. continues to hold happy monthly meetings.

St. Arnaud. — Bible study being held fortnightly on Wednesdays. Ladies' Fellowship meets monthly. Church appreciates brethren from Ballarat, Ararat, Warracknabeal and Maryborough taking services fortnightly. Midlands District Conference helps with finance. Congratulations to Norma and Janice Chiswell (twins) on being athletic champions at St. Arnaud High School, 1962 and 1963.

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Twenty-nine delegates, representing 13 church bodies in 13 Pacific Island countries, met at Suva, Fiji, recently to plan Christian education curricula for their churches. Twenty-one of the group were nationals and 8 were missionaries. The three-week conference was held at the request of several churches in the South Pacific, made to the World Council of Christian Education. The Council made funds available for a Planning Committee of representatives from the area, which met three times in preparation for the conference itself. The conference drew up a list of needs in Christian education for each age group in the area, divided into cycles of three years except for pre-school materials (one year) and youth work materials (four years). The materials will be organised under major themes including: God, Jesus Christ, the Church, Christian Living, and the Bible. Others may be added later. A writers' workshop for persons who will prepare the new materials was held immediately following the conference. This workshop named an editorial board of seven members, with an additional four corresponding members. Two persons were named as joint editors, to work for three years. —E.P.S., Geneva.

It was announced during S.A. Conference that Ross E. Manning, of Grote-st. church, elder and one time President of S.A. Conference, had suffered a heart attack. He is doing as well as can be expected.

BIRTHS

ROGERS (nee King). — To Evelyn and Ern, at Swan Hill, Vic., on Sept. 17, a son — Dale Robert. Brother for Ian and Neville.

HARVEY (Squires). — On Sept. 20, to Gwyn and Kev., a daughter — Lynette Joy. Sister for Jeffrey. (30 Raven-st., Camp Hill, Qld.).

ENGAGEMENTS

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IN MEMORIAM

McARTHUR, James. — In loving memory of my dear husband, Jim, passed away suddenly on Sept. 29; dear father of Donald (passed away suddenly, June 30), Malcolm and Mary (Mrs. Kennedy); and my dear brother, Robert Stewart, passed away, Melb., June 30. "Loved and remembered always."

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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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Mrs. M. J. Morris.

After many weary months of hospitalisation, the Lord called our dear sister Home on Aug. 8, 1963. Mrs. Morris was born at Gulgong, Oct. 23, 1875, and was married to J. Morris, of Canterbury, who predeceased her on March 5, 1957. They had a worthy family — seven children, fourteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. In her young days, Mrs. Morris joined the Enmore Tabernacle (N.S.W.), and in 1893 became one of Marrickville's foundation members. Several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Morris were transferred from the Manly church to Earlwood, where both remained members in good standing to the end of life's sojourn. We are happy to have known them. One said of our sister, recently, "I'll always remember her, especially as one very generous to the Spastic Centre." Another remarked, "How happy and proud she was in her family." One daughter is Mrs. P. E. Thomas, another also known to us is Mrs. W. Hill. Mrs. Rennie and Mrs. Ravell are her other daughters, and her son is Arthur Morris. Her grandson, John, and his wife, are two of our consecrated members. To all her loved ones we would say, with the hymn writer—
"Free from the fret of mortal years,
And knowing now thy perfect will,
With quickened sense and heightened joy
They serve thee still."

—M. A. Cox.

Donald Thomas Glover.

After more than six years of constant illness and weakness, Don Glover answered the Home call on Monday, Sept. 16, in Daws-rd. Military Hospital, S.A., to which he had returned for further treatment. Don was baptised at an early age at Grote-st., Adelaide, 28 years ago. He served in the Air Force during the war, and after war service he, with his wife, attended the Semaphore church, where he became church organist. With his family, he transferred to Dulwich church in 1948, where he was active as organist, choir leader, church officer, and leader of the Boys' Club. His Christian character endeared him to a wide circle of friends at Dulwich and beyond. Floral tributes, as well as the large gathering that assembled at the funeral parlor and at Centennial Park Cemetery, bore evidence of the love and esteem in which he was held. S. E. Matthews, who had known Don and his family over a long period of years, assisted the writer in services at the funeral parlor and the grave-side. To his wife, Mrs. Glover, their daughter Margaret, son John, and their dear ones we extend loving Christian sympathy. "Thanks be unto God, which giveth

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Dr. William Robinson died at his home in Selly Oak, Birmingham, on Sept. 14. The funeral service was at Moseley-rd. church, Birmingham, where he was an elder. A representative congregation from many parts of the country filled the church building. The service was conducted by the minister, K. Simpkin, and an address of appreciation was given by William Mander, of Leicester.

Dr. Robinson became the first Principal of the Overdale College at its opening in 1920, and remained the guiding spirit of the College until his retirement in 1949. He was largely responsible for the College removing to Selly Oak, where he became Professor of Christian Doctrine and Philosophy of Religion in the Selly Oak Colleges.

He was a pioneer in ecumenical circles, being deeply interested in Christian union, and his services as speaker and writer were in great demand. As a theologian he had wide influence, both in Britain and in U.S.A.

For some years he was editor of the Christian Advocate. When he retired from the College he went to U.S.A., and served for some years on the faculty of Butler University.

During the past few years, since his return to Britain, he had been compiling a catalogue of the College library. He was the author of numerous books.

His body was interred at Kirkby-in-Furness, among the hills and dales of his beloved Lake district. — G. J. Hammond.

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