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FIRST QLD. C.W.F. CAMP

In all its attempts to bring its scattered membership into a well-knit fellowship, Queensland's chief frus-tration is the tremendous distances which separate individual groups. Annual and Half-Yearly Conferences and Conventions can succeed in bringing together only a small representation from the outlying areas nearest to the current locale or venue. On these occasions time must be occupied with essential business, with opportunity for developing brotherhood spirit and fellowship consequently cut to a minimum. If, then, a project succeeds, even in a small measure, in this important aspect of Christian growth, it brings much gratification to its promoters and organisers, quite apart from the individual pleasures it provides for its participants.

Queensland's first C.W.F. Camp at the Caloundra Youth Centre was, therefore, both successful and gratifying to those responsible for it. The response from metropolitan groups was CALOUNDRA, Sept. 13-15, 1963

very rewarding, but even more so was the fact that ladles came in their car-loads from such centres as Dalby, Warwick, Chinchilla, Boonah, Toowoomba, Ma Ma Creck, Marburg, Ipswich, Nambour and Southport. In all, there were seventy campers from twenty C.W.F. groups, and this, for a "first ever" for adult Christian women, was more than encouraging.

Morning and evening devotions were based on Dr. Fosdick's The Meaning of Prayer, a different aspect being considered at each period. The appreciation of the place and meaning of prayer in daily Christian living of those who were at these sessions was given a width and depth not realised before.

Saturday morning "lecture-and-discussion" time took as its theme, Stepping Stones, an adaptation of The Christian Walk, by S. Russell Baker.

The "meaty", thought-provoking matter introduced by the three ladies who followed the contents of the booklet in broad general outline, drew a healthy spate of questions and discussion — so much so, that there had to be a "carry-over" to an early Sunday morning period.

The How Shall I Answer the Man at the Door? session on Saturday afternoon really captured campers' interest, as a very real problem in the daily Christian walk was dealt with. Two ministers, L. G. Read (Ann-st.) and R. Acland (Ipswich) gave information and advice, in particular in research to Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. Again question time could have gone on indefinitely.

Scattered throughout the day's programme were periods of free time for walks to the beach, and informal "getting-to-know-you" sessions - highlights of the women's weekend at Caloundra. Other most memorable moments included the special Saturday prayer-time held in one of the dormitories prior to the main evening pro-gramme. Saturday evening had been planned to take in an overseas trip with Mrs. Pratt's color slides, and an impromptu variety concert. Talent scouts missed a real opportunity here, as the campers provided fun and entertainment for each other! The concluding items, of a serious nature, set an atmosphere of quiet reverence for the "lights out" devotion, Prayer -God's Care for the Individual.

No doubt, for many, the unforgettable camp experience will be the Sunday morning communion service.
Unique, because for some it must
have been the "first ever" entirely
conducted by women, this service made
a profound impression through its
reverence, and the solemn awareness
of the significance of the communion
itself. Mrs. Acland (Qld. C.W.F. Pres.)
presided and Mrs. Chalmers, in her
address, brought to a climax the camp's

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Fifty Years Ago

From "The Australian Christian" of Oct. 9, 1913.

Editor: F. G. Dunn.

Recent Congress on Union. -Congress on the Union of Churches, recently held in Melbourne, had before it three distinct propositions for consideration: (1) The Standardisation of College Curricula: (2) Union Control of Home Missions; and (3) The Difficulties and Possiblities of Organic Union. These subjects were remitted to separate Commissions, and the reports of these Commissions were submitted to and discussed by the whole body. It cannot be said that any immediate results of a practical nature have accrued from the discussion of these matters . . There is very little doubt in our minds that the first steps in organic union will be taken by the three non-immersionist bodies Congregationalist, Methodist and Presbyterian . . . The probability of union between the two immersionist bodies, viz., the Baptists and Churches of Christ, is less promising than be-fore the Congress took place. — F. G.

Horace Kingsbury in India. - H. Kingsbury arrived safely and was a blessing and a cheer to the missionaries during his brief stay. He had the pleasure of baptising Keroba, the schoolmaster here. He adapted himself well to the people's idea of things in that he learned to sit crosslegged until his very bones ached again; he also learnt to eat Indian meals in right good Indian style.-H. Watson.

From Here and There. - Intensive preparations are being made for the Diamond Jubilee Rally for Home Missions, to be held in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Oct. 28 . Taree (N.S.W.) church gave a public reception to H. G. Harward on Sept. 26, prior to the commencement of his mission campaign there. On the first Sunday afternoon, despite heavy rain, over 100 men gathered for a special men's meeting, and a splendid crowd gathered in the tent at night . . . The Bible School at Perth, W.A., reports a membership of 311 scholars, 9 of whom joined the church during the year. The average attendance is 244, with a membership of 59 in the Berean Bible Class . . . Four more confessions at the Hagger-Clay mission at Northcote, Vic., have brought the total to ten . . . Percy R. Baker has taken up the work as evangelist at Milang, S.A. . . W. G. Combridge. at Milang, S.A. . . . W. G. Combridge, of the College of the Bible, has accepted an engagement with the Victorian Home Missionary Committee to labor in the Brim district The church at Grote-st., Adelaide, tendered Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas

a social to mark the sixth anniver-

sary of their labors there,

How Free Are Our Pulpits?

Eight years ago I was the guest of a group of our American ministers at their annual Retreat. It was suggested that, among other things, I might talk to them about conditions for ministers in Australia, "so that our men might realise just how well off they are." My hackles went up immediately at the implication that I was a representative of "the poor parsons from down under," and I proceeded to give them a talk in which Australian conditions were described with such enthusiasm that some of my fellow-ministers here might have had difficulty in recognising them!

Despite that, I am well aware that the full-time ministry has had to win its way among our people, not without the discouragements caused by those who have felt themselves commissioned by God to "keep the minister in his place." It is still true that our ministers, in some respects, are not accorded the standing given to the ministry in most other communions. During Baptist-Churches of Christ discussions in New South Wales it was stated that "Churches of Christ brethren (ministers) were not happy with their own position, and were seeking a better appreciation of the Biblical significance of the pastor as God's gift to the Church for special ministry... (They) looked for an enhancing of the office of the ministry."

But, allied with this matter, and more important than concerns of prestige, is the question - how much freedom do we give our ministers in the pulpit? If we insist, as I think we do, that they preach Christ and the gospel in Bible-based messages, how do we define that kind of requirement? At various times in our history, it has seemed that frequent references to such subjects as "Christian baptism," "the return of our Lord," or "the inspiration of the Bible" have been the required guarantee of a man's orthodoxy - and acceptability. But, important as these themes are, who would dare claim that they are anything more than fragments of what the New Testament reveals as the great gospel of him who came to redeem the whole of man's living.

The man who represents so great a Lord must be free in the pulpit to seek to bring the mind of Christ to bear on every area of man's need. This is a double-edged responsibility, for it is as easy for one man to "go overboard" on some matter of social concern, as it is for another man to do the same on some pet doctrinal theory. As Gerald Kennedy has well said, "If I want to tear open a social situation that smells to high heaven, let me be sure that it is not because I crave notoriety, or free publicity," though he goes on to add, "Only the man who speaks with a sort of conceited dogmatism needs to be concerned about the sup-

port of his people. The man who speaks his truth with love and firmness will have the loyalty and support of his people, though he will not always have their agreement."

At the American ministers' Retreat which I have mentioned, one of my fellow-lecturers was a very distinguished Methodist leader, Harold A. Bosley. I heard him talk on what it means to speak from a free pulpit — the necessity of making time to get the facts, to think things through, to know the counter-arguments, and then to speak with counter arguments, and then to speak with courage mixed with humility, knowing that, at his best, a minister is "only a 'broken light' of him who is the Light of the World."

Do we expect our ministers to "soft-pedal" on divisive issues? Or are we prepared to hear, from a free pulpit, something more than generalities?

EDITORIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The time is rapidly approaching when, in fulfilment of carefully made plans, The Australian Christian comes under the control of the Federal brotherhood, through an Interim Board of Management. After this issue, five more will be prepared by the present Editor before he hands over to the Editor-Elect, A. E. White. The last of these will tell something of the story of the sixty-six years during which the Austral Printing and Publishing Company has made the weekly publication of this paper a service to the brotherhood.

Mr. White's editorship will begin with the issue of Nov. 19, 1963, and he will immediately begin to prepare our readers for the introduction of the new-type Australian Christian in February next year. Meanwhile, the Interim Board has already written to church secretaries and A.C. agents throughout the Commonwealth, giving some indication of projected plans and seeking the wholehearted support of each church in the new venture.

The recent South Australian Conference decision to discontinue its monthly paper, Fellowship News, in favor of support for the new Christian, is a most encouraging move - in line with last year's cessation of the Victorian bi-monthly Departmental paper, Vision. This means that the Federal journal will have immediate right of way in the two States which contain a little over half our total Australian membership. This is a good beginning, but whatever moves may be made in the other States which have monthly papers, the vitally important thing for The Australian Christian in this transition stage is that every present reader renews his subscription for 1964 (despite the necessarily increased cost) and also does his best to enlist the practical support of others for the Federal brotherhood journal.

FRANK GRIFFITHS (Geraldton, W.A.) tells, in this imaginary letter, the story of what happens . . .

When Great Men Disagree

Acts 15: 36-41: "And some days but meanwhile we breathed more freely after, Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us ourselves. Then you came back and go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; and Paul chose Silas, and . . . went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches."



Barnabas to Saul. Greetings.

So we have been separated from each other. After all we have been through and shared together, I never dreamt it could happen. I had thought I would always have you and your flery courage to help me make decisions, and to stand to them, too. But I had to take Mark when there is only one man I would have chosen for my companion. I expected that I would always be with you, too, to check your sometimes too hasty judgments and to give you a kinder view. But you have chosen another. Silas is a good and worthy man. God bless you together.

When I think of how we have been separated from each other, I mind again separated from each other. I mind again that day so long ago when the Holy Spirit separated us together for the work to which God had called us. You will remember, of course, that that was the greatest day of my life. If only we could capture again that careless abandon to the will of God, and the oneness we shared together. We had no regard whatever for earthly circumstances, for we saw clearly that God is faithful, and he makes no mistakes. When he called us that was enough, for it was a promise of help and support, as surely as it was a call. And then he called us together. It had always seemed to me that God meant us to be companions from that day when I was able to befriend you in Jerusalem.

How often we have laughed about it since — but it was no laughing matter then! Those of us in Jerusalem had come to think of you as something of a persecuting maniac. It was a relief to us all when you set out for Damascus. We trembled for the poor Christians there and sent urgent messages to them to beware,

sought to join us, saying that you were a disciple. This seemed to the little Christian group to be the cleverest trick of all, and they scattered like

I remember Peter wagging his old white whiskers, and reminding us that the Lord had warned that some would come as wolves in sheep's clothing. Actually, I believe that you are right, and that he spoke of spiritual wolves causing confusion and division, more than bodily danger. But Peter un-derstood it otherwise, and while in some things he was so quick to make up his mind, in others he was hesitant and afraid. I happened to be passing through the temple courtyard and heard you preach. I knew at once, "This man is genuine and a chosen vessel for God." So I made you my friend, and vouched for you to the rest. That is why I later went down to Tarsus to find you, when we were faced with that big work in Antioch. I just knew that you were the man for the job. Later still, it was God who chose us to go together as missionaries. He blessed our journey, and marvellously set his seal upon our companionship.

And now we are parted. Where did we go wrong? I wonder sometimes if we were wrong to take Mark in the first place, without express leading from God. After all, he became the cause of our parting. I suppose, if God had so clearly called us to work together, we could have safely left the choice of a companion to him, also. Then I find myself wondering if there has been a continued resentment in my heart for the way you rebuked me when I was carried away by Peter's example in Antioch. I can see now that this attempt to make Christians live like Jews does deny the whole gospel of salvation by faith in Christ, but you don't realise that you have a way of rebuking that leaves a sting. You can speak the truth with all the barbs on, and there is no softening down. Perhaps I have allowed this to rankle within. Of course, your attitude to Mark is behind it all. I will never forget that first day you spoke about him, and his failure to go all the way with us. That day you showed a bitterness that has haunted me ever

I did not think you were capable of such an attitude - unfair in many ways, as criticism can be. You have never been the same man to me since. And, after all, if Mark did fail us,

and it was a mistake to have chosen him, it was our mistake and not his, and God has linked my life to his in a way that I did not choose and cannot change. He is my best loved sister's son, and when I look into those faithful brown eyes and hear him speak, I think again how like her he is. Of course, he is like his father, too, so handsome and eager to please, ready to promise anything and sometimes forgetting the promise and weakening under pressure. But I who love him have noticed that always the good comes through, and conquers the weakness. That is why I believed him when he said that he would not fail again, and I was cager to give him a second chance.

Then you would be the first to admit that you owe to him your own knowledge of the story of our Lord Jesus himself. Mark's close friendship with Peter has given him a first-hand knowledge of what our Lord said and did, and what was done to him. I am glad that he has been persuaded to write these things down, so that more people can share his accurate knowledge, and you will remember how invaluable this knowledge was in the counselling classes for new converts. He was fitted for this task as few are, and it came about that he counselled apostles as well as converts. I could not say how much I am indebted to him, and I know that you are not less so. That is why it hurt me when you refused to give him a second chance. I felt my life was linked with his for better or for worse, and I have the world make good knew that he would make good.

I remember that at school he was guilty of some boyish misdeed. All denied it at first, and he with the rest. But the coward only conquered in him for a time. The next morning he went early and, going straight to the teacher, said, "I did it." It has been ever so with him, and I knew the best would win in the end.

But he that as it may, God has linked my life with his. If he has been weak and failed, I have to share the shame and the blame. In fact, I have come to see something of what our Lord did on the Cross. Do you remember that Scripture that says, "The reproaches of them that re-proached thee fell on me"? Somehow his weakness is mine, his mistakes are mine, his reproach is mine. As my Lord suffered for me, I suffer with him, for he is my own sister's son.

What a great work it was to which God called us! But it has come to

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The Costliness of Christian Education

When the Ramsay Report on University Education was released earlier this year, many of our public leaders were quick to point out how costly it would be to implement these recommendations. Education is a costly business. It always has been, for it involves the growing of lives and the quest for maturity. These things cannot be speeded up — they take time — a life-time. And Christian Education is no exception to all this. It also takes time; and in a world where time is money, the Church of today must be the more prepared to share the cost which a worthwhile programme of Christian Education will demand.

These ideas were prompted by my sharing with a group of Bible School administrators in the training classes conducted by the Victorian Council of Christian Education. These persons were drawn from many other communions, and comprised ministers.

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pass that we who were separated together by the grace of God have been separated from each other by our humanness. Yet you being what you are, and I such as I am, I can do no other - so help me God. Only God knows which of us is wrong. But I know that neither of us is right. This is clear, for the Holy Spirit separated us togeth. " "it when we separated from each. ... I had to take Mark, and you chose Silas. There was no divine guidance then. Surely it is a humbling lesson that when human sin and bitterness take charge, God cannot do the choosing. No matter how devout we may seem, when the heart is not right we have to be content with second-best means and second-best men. We have taken a great missionary journey and it could well be that we have set the pattern for many such. I do trust that those who come after us will follow in being separated by God's Holy Spirit to a work. If they follow us in being separated from each other in bitterness and judgment, then they will have to choose their own work and their own helpers, and there will be much groping in the dark, the Holy Spirit being grieved. We could well have sown the seed of the greatest single problem in missionary work — I mean, lack of harmony among the workers.

When we separate, I know that I will go into oblivion, for you are a greater man than I. Knowing this, I can he glad that God has called you to a big work, and me to a small. When Mark does come to you, give him a second chance, for he will make good.

The Lord be with you.

R. V. Longthorp.

superintendents and Bible School secretarles. As they looked at the ministry of teaching in the Bible Schools, and considered how this work could be made more effective, they said things like this: "We must accept the high cost of Christian Education. Too long we have tried to have it 'on the cheap,' and the result is we have seen too many cheap results." "We have these children for but one hour of the week; our chances of influencing them will be better if we of them the best, and allow our teachers to work under the best solutions." "Our children (a) parents) are used to high educational standards in day schools - we cannot hold their interest or respect if we lag too far behind with our standards."

Listening in further to this group's discussions. I found they had these positive recommendations to make: I suggest that many schools and churches could profit by a close look at these ideas:

- We must be prepared as schools to meet the comparatively high cost of equipment, and raise our sights as to the range of equipment we should be using.
- ii. We must use the best lesson materials, having regard to their theological and educational soundness. We should use only such materials as adequately present our respective churches' traditions,

iii. The financing of such improvements can be a problem. What can schools do to help themselves? By being alert to the right priorities of spending. Spend money where it will work the hardest in terms of teaching. Items in the top priority are:—

Lesson materials, Visual Aids, Equipment,

Items of low priority are:—
Picnics.
Prizes and

aniversaries"
(unquote!).

The key to meeting the cost is the church itself. The Bible School must become an item on the church's budget. Already many churches are doing this in one way or another. One church cited bears the cost of the school's lesson material. Another church makes an annual payment to the school on basis of £1 per scholar (in the case quoted, £120 a year). These are welcome and healthy trends. Churches should be more responsible for financing the basic equipment which schools need if they are to operate more effectively. Another area of cost with which churches should help is teacher-training. Again it was encouraging to hear many schools report that the church paid the cost of their teachers taking special training in Chris-(cont. ft. col. 1. p. 630)



Primary Scholars Like These Need Good Equipment

THE MINISTRIES OF OUR

WOMEN SEDERAL ACTIVITIES

All-Age Christian Education Mrs. G. Roffey, N.S.W.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind."

We start to love our God with our hearts from the time we first know him. We give ourselves to him as we accept the salvation he offers us in Christ. Our souls are satisfied in him. Then we become active in proving our love for him by our service. We love him with our strength, as we give out physically in showing to others the love Christ has for them, too.

As we love and serve him we need to remember the final injunction. Our minds need to be fed and nourished, lest we become stunted in our spiritual growth. This nourishment can be had from many sources, and every advantage must be taken to feed our minds. This we are doing in All-Age Christian Education.

There is no need to fear the word "Education." Paul wrote, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your

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tian Education Department courses.

v. None of these considerations ruled out the offerings taken in schools. But churches should not expect (indeed they can-not) schools to finance Christian Education on the basis of "Hear the pennies dropping." It is far better training in stewardship if the schools could use their offerings for the wider Christian work and Missions. Boys and girls and young peo-ple can be helped to widen their vision of Christian life and service if their offerings are known to go to Overseas Missions appeals, Theological Colleges, Home Missions work, etc., instead of disappearing with "deadening anonymity" into the Sunday School treasurer's bag.

This group of earnest and dedicated people concluded, "Christian Education may be costly, but in terms of lives, growth, maturity and the future of the Church, it is the best investment possible and pays high dividends to the church prepared to pay the cost." Which sentiments we endorse entirely, and trust that many churches will continue to "think on these things."

mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Our emotions need to be guided by sane reasoning to meet life. We must recognise the difference in coping with our problems rationally, or just muddling through. We know the difference in muddling

rationally, or just mudding through.

We know the difference in muddling through our housework, and tackling our home duties with discipline.

We are able to help others cope

with their problems if we have coped with our own sensibly.

After being involved in a programme of A.C.E. for four years at the church

of A.C.E. for four years at the church at Lane Cove, I am happy to write of the way this has stimulated the mind in the love of God.

We meet as a church family for dinner at 6 p.m., when a hot meal, previously prepared by the Indies, is served. From dinner we go to our various groups, the children to Endeavor, the young people to theirs, and the adults into groups of approximately 10-12 in number. The leader of the group is not there to do all the talking himself. He draws out each member to participate in the study for the night. This group participation might be through buzz groups, brainstorming, role play, previously prepared short talk and group discussion. Some of the topics used for

study have been The Life of Christ, Miracles, Christian Unity, Parables, Family Worship, Books of the Bible, Devotional Habits of Christian Leaders.

In our groups we learn to love and trust each other. Our ideas do not always correspond with those of each group member, but we are not worried about that. We learn from them as we share our thoughts. Perhaps we have been confused in our thinking, but as we share in group activity we resolve many of our problems. We learn to delve more and more into knowing who God is, and his will for our lives. Through this educational programme we are extending our love of God with our minds.

Any programme of All-Age Christian Education is twofold in its purpose. It seeks the enrichment of the church, and the church thus becomes aware of its evangelistic mission.

You may ask what are the visible results of A.C.E. at Lane Cove. We heard of one church that doubled its membership in three years when an A.C.E. programme was introduced. We haven't achieved this, but we can report increases.

The CE. societies and Youth Fellowship have trebled. The C.W.F. has doubled. A C.M.S. has been formed. These are visible results. Through these auxiliaries, fellowship is offered and has played its part in leading new members to Christ.

Who can sum up visible results?
We believe our minds have been stimulated and our witness is more effective. Devotional habits are cultivated, and we are more able to understand and witness to life in Christ,



Supplied by R. S. A. McLean,

One Year in India Mrs. Betty Veal.

As we are now all one year older since we arrived in India, I feel it is time I wrote for you some of my first impressions of this land and its people. First, let us go back to our arrival. Although we arrived in Bombay early p.m., we did not leave the Customs shed before 9.30 p.m. By this time the night air was pleasantly cool, and the houses with their dim lights looked intriguing. From Malabar hill the night lights looked beautiful. "This is Bombay. Yes, we really are in India." We left Bombay by the 12.30 a.m., and arrived in Poona about 8 a.m., and arrived in Poona about 8 a.m. Here we were met and presented with gar-

lands by Hariba Waghmode and Sudarka Salve, and their families. Two hours later we streamed into Dhond, where we were welcomed by the Christian families. One more lap and our long journey would be over.

After lunch we travelled this last lap to Shrigonda and settled into our bungalow. And what a pleasant surprise this was! I had expected quite a meagre dwelling, but found it roomy and comfortable. This was my first home in India, and I loved it. That evening we went to our welcome in the church building. All we were able to understand — apart from the warmth — was the Bible reading from Pasim 31. This was a wonderful assurance to us as we started our term in India. God has promised to watch over us and keep us; to protect us against whatever may come. If we

dwell in him — "I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him." Later that evening we were to prove that this was true. Peter, calling from the bathroom, said, "What is this, mummy?" In his hand he held a scorpion. It did not bite because God was proving to us his promise.

The country was dry, water was scarce, the people looked thin and weak and not very well clad. The cattle looked as if they would not see the next day. The faces of the people seemed to cry out of their poverty and hunger. So many people, and so little to eat!

After some days we went to Baramati. Here we went bazaar preaching—or should I say we went with the bazaar preachers? The crowd soon gathered. But I'm not sure whether they gathered around Hariba and the evangelists, or whether they wanted to see these "strange" white-faced people.

Conference was held in August at Shrigonda. Again we understood little, but it was good to have fellowship with the other missionaries and Indian delegates. Dr. and Mrs. Williams arrived a few days later and it was great to be able to help with preparations for them. This helped us to lose the feeling of being "new." Later, we were to move from Shrigonda to take up our language study in Dhond.

Early in January, Miss Vawser took Peter and Luke to Baramati, and we left Dhond for Lucknow in North India. A holiday from language study gave us opportunity to attend the 13th Annual Evangelical Fellowship of India Conference. We visited Delhi and Agra on the way. The Lord led in a wonderful way throughout this trip. It was as if One had gone ahead and prepared a way for us. (Travelling in India can be quite an ordeal). New Delhi is fascinating, and is set out like Canberra, but it still has its little tiny shops everywhere. Agra is a beautiful city. Here we saw the Taj Mahal. Its beauty cannot be disputed, but it is only a tomb. Some day the graves will be opened. We wondered as we looked, "Will not this crumble, too, like any other tomb?"

At Lucknow, Principal Morling, of Sydney, and Pastor Sahu, of Calcutta, were the speakers. Both brought challenging messages, and the fellowship was wonderful. The witness of God's faithfulness to both missionaries and Nationals was an inspiration. We left Lucknow and travelled to the "holy" city of India, Benares. Here we went along the famous Ganges River in a boat, we saw the ghats; bathing ghats, washing ghats and burning ghats. Beggars were everywhere, as were priests. Temples, also, were too numerous to mention. I was saddened to see the closed doors of two church buildings, no longer used for worship of the Living God. Nearby we saw the Buddhist Holy Grounds at Sarnarth, How clean and beautiful these temples were, compared to the Hindu temples. The

grounds, too, were picturesque, and even the ruins of the old temple and city seemed orderly.

We returned to Dhond and to language study. In February we passed our preliminary exam. Then it was time to pack again and migrate to language school at Mahableshwar for 3 months

Now we are back on the plains. We are still students, but other work is beginning to pile up. Looking over the 12 months few thoughts have changed. The Indian people are very hospitable and loving. The sleeping figures on the streets and stations are no longer an eve-opener - we have slept on the station ourselves on several occasions. Some customs are still amazing to us. The living conditions of the village folk are poor at the best of times, but now the rains have come their plight is pitiful. Before we left Australia we were told not to be discouraged, for even when our work is finished it will be just like a drop in a bucket. Perhaps so, but I do pray that our little effort will be like the leaven, and leaven the whole lump. Or to use our Lord's metaphor, I pray that we will be "the salt of the earth."

> A Prayer of a Minister's Wife

> > Barbara Thompson.

Dear Father, I thank you for my task in life, for this role which no one else in the church can play—

I thank you I am a minister's wife.
Friends have said never would they
change places with me, but, God,
I would not change with anyone
in the world;

I thank you that you have chosen me to fill this place by my husband's side.

I know, O God, that there are others who can lift their voices in sweeter song;

there are others who can speak with more force and fire; there are others who can more

gently serve the sick; there are others who can serve you in ways where my talents

lle not; and I am humbled, my Lord, that you have chosen me to be a minister's wife.

In these moments of quietness I rededicate my life to you and the service of your children,

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me, Spirit of the living God. Amen.

-The Christian.

QUESTING

Should Christians keep the Ten Commandments?

Our grandfathers, and their fathers before them, knew the commandments by heart. They were as famliar as the national anthem.

If some minister announced next Sunday morning that instead of a sermon, the congregation would have a little examination requiring the members to list the Ten Commandments in order—imagine the fallures!

This does not necessarily mean that Christians are less righteous than their forefathers. There are many who think that the Ten Commandments are too negative when compared with the more positive directions of the New Testament. There is no doubt that in loving God with all our being and in loving our neighbors as ourselves, we shall honor all of the ancient ten. The Christian should do spontaneously much more than the law demands.

Then, too, an emphasis upon keeping laws may cause us to think that the most important aspect of our relationship with God is our duty. Duties we have, but his love for us and our love for him are much more important than our duties. Fulfilling our duties could lead to self-right-eousness. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, geodness, faithfulness, gentleness are fruits of the Spirit. They cannot be commanded. We don't love because it is our duty; we love because want to.

However, men of olden times needed to be told what they should not do, and experience shows that we also are helped by clearly expressed restrictions. Restraints are needed to govern our social behaviour, and prohibitions assist us in governing our moral conduct.

The Ten Commandments are actually called by this name in three places: Ex. 34: 28; Deut. 4: 13 and Deut. 10: 4. However, there were several different ways of setting them out. The Roman Catholics and Lutherans divide the ten into two groups, three relating to our service to God, and seven dealing with our duties to our fellowmen. To get this division they make one commandment out of "Thou shalt have no other gods" and "Thou shalt make no graven image." To balance this, they make two commandments out of the one dealing with covetousness.

I believe Christians should keep the Ten Commandments, and next week I shall give more reasons for thinking so

HERE AND THERE

Eightieth anniversary services of the church at Ann-st., Brisbane, were held on Sept. 22, when Gordon McKelvic gave inspiring addresses. Special musical items appropriate to the occasion were given by the augmented choir, under the baton of W. H. Hack. An important part of the celebrations was a combined church and B.S. picnic on Sat. 21st, at Camp Warawee. L. G. Read is the present minister of the church.

The following telegram reached this office on Thurs., Oct. 3: "Lowood mission New Testament teaching on baptism and church arousing interest and discussion. One decision, many giving consideration. Spirit and attendance maintain high level. Pray for final week.—Rob Holt."

The 90th anniversary and Temple Day of the church at Croydon, Vic., was held on Sept. 29. R. Brittain, of Adelaide, was the speaker at the worship and gospel services, and J. Edwards (New Hebrides) at a service in the afternoon, conducted by the C.Y.F. Both speakers had been student ministers to the church. Valentine Woff, Miss Jean Milne and Mrs. K. Crouch helped all by their singing. Despite incessant rain, attendances were excellent. Temple Day offering amounted to £690.

North Balwyn (Vic.) church is pleased to announce that M. Giezendanner, at present serving at Warwick, Qld., has accepted an invitation to commence a ministry at North Balwyn early in 1964. Meanwhile, preaching assistance is being much appreciated by church members.

Many members travelled long distances to be present at the Invereil (N.S.W.) church's 58th anniversary celebrations, Sept. 21, 22. There were large congregations, and F. D. Craig (Tamworth) was guest speaker. A number of young people from the Tamworth church visited Invereil for the occasion. A family fellowship tea was held in the hall prior to the gospel service. This was catered for by the C.W.F. Temple Day was observed on the Saturday, when the chapel was open for prayer and meditation. Members presented their gifts during the afternoon. An atmosphere of prayer was created by recorded organ music of well known hymns, played throughout the afternoon. The two open Bibles, on either side of a wase of white flowers on the communion table, further enhanced the atmosphere of worship. A service of thanksgiving was held on the Saturday night, when Mr. Craig spoke on

"Thanksgiving With a Difference." This was then followed by a barbecue, which the Teens Fellowship and visiting young people enjoyed.

The next meeting of the Vic.-Tas. Ministers' Wives' Association will be held at the Churches of Christ Centre, Lonsdale-st., Melb., on Mon., Oct. 21. at 11.30 a.m. Mrs. G. Whiting will be the speaker. All ministers' wives are invited to attend.—Beryl Amos. Sec.

The 34th anniversary celebrations of the church at Albury, N.S.W., were held over the weekend of Sept. 28, 29, with K. A. Macnaughtan (Swanstonst., Melb.) as guest speaker. The fellowship tea on the 28th was well attended, and included visitors from Wangaratta, Yarrawonga and Melbourne. The ladies catered for the 200 in attendance. P. Kayanagh and H. Gray gave a resume of past and present activities. The thankoffering was £360. The night meeting was addressed by K. A. Macnaughtan, and items were rendered by Miss V. Pratt and the choir. A presentation was made to Mrs. Van de Pol, snr., prior to her return to Holland. A meeting was held at Wodonga at 9.30 a.m. on the Sunday, and a combined Lavington-Albury meeting at Albury at 11 a.m. Two adults made decision at the evening service. The church is grateful for Mr. Macnaughtan's services. The new kitchen, though incomplete, was in use for the anniversary, and a lady member is thanked for her donation of a refrigerator and electric stove.

Mrs. Joan Ashley, wife of the B. and F. B. S. Secretary in East Africa, is at present touring all Australian States at the invitation of the Commonwealth Council of the Bible Society. Her Victorian commitments include giving the morning address at Hartwell Church of Christ on Sun., Oct. 20, at 11 a.m., and also sharing in a Hartwell C.W.F. gathering at 2.30 p.m. on the same day.

The Collingwood (Vic.) church elimaxed a successful 12-month Crusade with a mission — "Calling Collingwood to God," Sept. 15-22, led by G. Grainger and G. Thompson. Over the Crusade perlod, many new scholars were added to the Bible School. Through them contact has been made with many adults, a good number showing interest in the church. Five additions were made to the membership during the Crusade. The mission aroused much interest, meetings being well attended, with 168 the most present on one night. Great support was given

by delegations from numerous sister churches, as well as by prayer partners. One decision was recorded. The thankoffering received on the last night amounted to £103/6/9. The church gained much spiritual uplift in the preparations and during the mission. With thanks and praise to God, plans are now being made for a continued outreach to the people of Collingwood.

On Sat., Sept. 28, the second rally of the Vic. Evangelical Youth Fellowship was held at the Lygon-st. chapel, Carlton, The speaker, A. W. C. Candy (East Kew), gave an inspiring message on Jesus Shall Reign. Soloist was D. Thomas.—A. Taylor, Sec.

Camp Hill

Jent Mission

with J. K. Bond.

These observations arise only days after the final meeting. They are passed on for interest and information.

1. Response from the local community was disappointing, "Contacts" knew what we were after and mostly kept navy!

- 2. There were 13 primary decisions, two restorations and a number of reconsecrations. The mission means new life to four family units and there is a good possibility of the same experience happening to another four or five families.
- 3. The impact on the life of the church was a thrilling experience. It cleansed, inspired, rejuvenated and challenged.
- 4. We discovered that people just do not come to missions (or Sunday night services) unless they are brought. If the gospel can't bring them then we must go out to them with the gospel.
- 5. This means personal evangelism must first take place on a great scale to lead people to the place where they can receive Christ.
- 6. Many people are confused as to what it really means to be a Christian. For many, church membership has become a substitute for the rebirth experience.
- 7. The church must learn to pray. This is the key which unlocks the door to effective evangelism.
- 8. As a church we are deeply thankful for the ministry of our Missioner. He spoke with power, conviction, and out of a deep love for his Master gave nimself completely in the task of leading men and women to Christ.
- 9. We feel that as a result of the mission many will come to Christ over the next 12 months.
- 10. We give our praise and thanks to God for the way that he has worked in us and through us.

-K. J. Harvey (minister).

FEDERAL NOTES

A great variety and volume of business has occupied the attention of the Federal Executive over recent weeks.

Isolated Members

In accordance with a resolution of Federal Conference, all State Executives were asked to supply names and addresses of members living in Australian territories (other than A.C.T.). The result was a total of five names supplied. No further action has been taken consequent upon this response.

East Asian Christian Conference

Australian Churches of Christ have been granted the opportunity and privilege of appointing an observer to the second East Asian Christian Conference assembly at Rangoon, Feb. 25 to March 5, next year. The Federal Executive is hopeful that we will be represented at this important Missionary Conference, covering the area in which all three of our Mission fields are located.

Future Federal Conferences

Arising out of a resolution at last Federal Conference, letters have been sent on the above subject to all State Executives, Federal Departments and Federal Vice-Presidents. Many written to have not yet acknowledged this communication. It is hoped that more replies will come to hand before the sub-committee appointed will assess the result and prepare its report for next Federal Conference.

Brisbane, 1964

The Brisbane Arrangements Committee for Federal Conference is addressing itself diligently to its many responsibilities. In the next few months, considerable publicity will be given to "Brisbane 1964." Transport Officers have been appointed in all States, and it is hoped that a large delegation will register from each State—and register early.

New Hymn Book

The Federal Secretary and Treasurer have conferred with the Hymn Book Committee on production considerations. The Committee estimates that an amount in excess of £4,000 will be needed to launch the new publication, once the Committee's work is completed. Federal Conference, next year, will be asked to decide how this money is to be provided.

Federal Home Evangelism

1. Bequest of Late William Uren. This good brother bequeathed his shares in B.H.P. to Federal Home Evangelism. The market value of the shares is £3,500 (approx.). The income from them is to be used for Federal Evan-

gelism at the Federal Executive's discretion. The Executive is grateful for this financial provision, and for the confidence which it expresses.

- 2. South Canberra, The Federal Executive has undertaken to allocate £8 per week subsidy until June 30, 1964, for this project. The Canberra church has been entirely self-supporting since July 8, 1961, and is now giving magnificently to establish a second church in Canberra. It should be remembered that Canberra church has not received any subsidy for over two years: further, that Canberra church, unlike every other church in Australia. has no State Home Mission Committee upon which to call for help in its venture for a second church in Canberra: and finally, that the Canberra church, over and above meeting its heavy local commitments, is giving between £15 and 20 every week into its South Can-berra Church Fund. It will be seen that Federal Home Evangelism contributions going into the Australian Capital Territory are not for an established work, but for an entirely new project, in a populous area nine miles from our present church buildings.
- 3. Broken Hill. The Federal Executive is conferring with the South Australian Home Mission Committee regarding the conditions of Federal Home Evangelism support for the church at Broken Hill. Negotiations are still proceeding.
- 4. Albany, After thorough consideration of a request from Western Australian Home Mission Committee, the Executive has agreed to set aside £5 per week towards the establishment of a church at Albany; this money to be drawn upon as required, and the position to be reviewed at June 30, 1965. Albany, where we already have the nucleus of a church meeting, is a town of over 10,000 people in a thriving and strategic centre. We have no Church of Christ within a radius of 155 miles. A corner site of three blocks has been acquired, and housing accommodation for a resident minister is being considered by the W.A. Home Mission Committee.
- 5. Townsville. R. N. Gilmore, B.A., is leading the church in a work of consolidation; at the same time making a favorable impact in the city. Mr. Gilmore has represented us in the Ministers' Fraternal, Broadcasting, Television, Bible Society, Christian Endeavor Union and other areas of Christian enterprise. The church is taking an active interest in the whole range of brotherhood activity. Weekly averages over the past six months have been: morning, 43; evening 32, and breaking of bread, 40. A married couple were recently baptised, and have taken up active membership in the church. The Queensland Home Mission Committee has written express-

ing appreciation of the ministry of Mr. Gilmore, and of the encouragements in the work over recent months. At its 1963 session, the Queensland State Conference expressed its appreciation of Federal Home Evangelism assistance for Townsville. The Federal Executive subsidises this work by £16 per week.

With subsidies going to Townsville, in Far North Queensland, South Canberra in the A.C.T. and Albany in the Far South-West of Western Australia, Federal Home Evangelism is more truly "Federal" than it has ever been. The support of those churches which make a regular annual contribution to Federal Home Evangelism is greatly appreciated in enabling us to commend Christ across the Commonwealth.

Various

The Hobart Arrangements Committee for last year's Federal Conference, in addition to raising the required £300 for "ongoing commitments", has forwarded a final cheque of proceeds, amounting to £274/7/8. The Committee is to be congratulated on this and every aspect of its responsibilities.

The Federal Executive is supporting the invitation of the South Australian churches to entertain World Convention, 1970. The Federal Executive has increased its contribution to the World Convention from £50 to £100 per year.

The Christian greetings of the Australian brotherhood have been sent to the 117th Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Northern Ireland meeting in Wigan (Emg.) and to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ meeting in Miami (U.S.A.), and also to the South Australian Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling will be attending the N.Z. Dominion Conference in November, and taking speaking appointments. Mr. Stirling has been appointed Fraternel Delegate from the Australian brotherhood.

Cables of Christian sympathy have been sent to the relatives of the late Dr. Jesse Bader (U.S.A.) and the late Dr. William Robinson (Eng.).

The Federal Executive recently congratulated Sir Garfield Barwick and his collaborators on the Marriage Register and forms for use in connection with the new Commonwealth Marriage Act. Sir Garfield personally acknowledged this communication.

The Commission on Literature, on which the following are represented: Federal Literature Committee, Federal Board of Christian Education, The Austral Company and the Federal Executive, is being re-convened to prepare a report for the consideration of next Federal Conference.—Stanton H, Wilson, Federal Secretary.



Discipleship

T. Creamer, Marrickville, N.S.W. Brian Milton, Heather Wardle, Jean

and Margaret Duffy, Philip Stevens, Robert Nobel, Naracoorte, S.A. Jennifer Mitchell, Blackburn, Vic. Liese Baker, Peta Berry, Lyn Chris-

tie, Peter Dean, Geoffrey Hobart, Jennifer Lowes, Shirley Neal, Tony Prowse, Rosalind Stewart, Canberra, A.C.T.

Sis. Heathcote, Wodonga, Vic.

Membership

Murray Mitchell, to Naracoorte, S.A. John Nightingale, Avonsleigh, Vic. to Wellington Point, Qld.

Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. G. Giddings, Bruce and Malcolm Gid-dings, Prospect to Nailsworth, S.A. E. Naylor, Koongarra Park to Ascot Park, S.A.

Miss K. Verco, Bordertown, S.A. to Canberra, A.C.T.

Marriage

Rosemary Peck to Graham Bryant, Tootgarook, Vic. June Wright to Graeme Ainscough,

Oakleigh, Vic. Maureen Burchall to Ronald Jack-

son, Caulfield, Vic. Judith Seath to Clifford Fank-hauser, Hartwell, Vic.

Margaret Couper to John McDon-ald, Carnegie, Vic.

Fallen Asleep

Mrs. K. Twyman, Marrickville, N.S.W. Mrs. Schneider, Ascot Park, S.A. Mrs. Simper, snr., Belmont, Vic.

AUST. CAPITAL TERRITORY

Canberra (G. R. Stirling, B.A.). Reports at business meeting on Sept. 11 revealed increased giving and active planning for new cause in South Canberra. Executive officers, S. Molgnard (chairman), P. Bennett (sec.), W. Leng, O.B.E. (treas) were reappointed.

Eleven Y.P. made decisions for Christ on 15th, with 9 baptised same day. Mr. and Mrs. Stirling left on 18th for 9 weeks' special ministry in New Zealand. B.S. anniversary meetings on 22nd and 29th addressed by J. Leonard and K. Crawford (N.S.W. H.M. Director). Preachers on 22nd also included L. Crimp (Essex, Canada), representing Gideons International, and R. Rugendyke. Av. of 156 at communion during Sept. Church saddened at death in Adelaide of D. Glover, father of Miss M. Glover, and brother of Mrs. P. Bennett, both of Canberra. C.W.F. viewed film on Freedom From Hunger Campaign on 26th. Many members active in door-knock appeal.

QUEENSLAND

Wellington Point (W. H. Nightingale). — One addition by transfer, Weekly offerings have increased. Work is ecumenical, apart from own meetings for worship and growing interest in Hospital Chaplaincy enterprise. Minister takes gospel service once a month, and he and other members assist in local Methodist services on other Sunday evenings.

Ann-st., Brisbane (L. G. Read). Guest speakers at services on 29th were A. J. Sheriff (Conf. Pres.) and Prof. Alan Wilson. Their help during absence of minister at Hamilton, N.S.W., was much appreciated. C.Y.F. activities have included support of Camp Hill mission by group of 14 on 10th; barbecue at Greenlanes on 17th; and tennis parties at Milton Courts each Friday. Interstate visitors on 29th included three from W.A., Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lane, and Mrs. Mc-Lennan.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

South Perth (Geo. W. Wood). - All depts. functioning well and good attendances are maintained. Assistance to Manning work being maintained in teaching staff for B.S., platform helpers in morning service. plus major share of preaching by H. Heyhoe. Three boys' basketball teams successful in their grades for premiership honors in inter-church competitions. Sympathy of church extended to Mr. and Mrs. F. Newcombe in tragic loss of their only son, Warren, who, with three others, was re-turning from a Y.P.C.E. barbecue when their car crashed. He was held in high esteem and will be greatly missed by youth section, of which he was a prominent member. Minister and Mrs. Wood, together with Mrs. J. Pallot and Mrs. Allingham, journeyed to Norseman Mission, Sept. 23, for series of special studies with Mission staff and personnel, also evening rallies in town of Norseman at Mission Friendship Centre. G. Smith (Subjaco) was speaker at midweek service, and on 29th R. Raymond and K. J. Patterson were speakers. Three young men made good confession

CHURCHENIEWS

NEW SOUTH WALES

Marrickville (M. J. Bedwell). Teaching mission continues with great blessing to all. Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trevanor was dedicated to God, and T. Creamer baptised at a recent gospel service. Sympathy is extended to the Knight family in passing of Mrs. Twyman. Girls' Brigade were well represented at their annual sports day, and received cer-tificates. "D" grade under 16 cricket team won first match. Women's Social Fellowship had social evening at the Young Men's Hostel. C.W.F. has given many hours' assistance at Social Services shop,

Gilgandra (N. Flint). - Numerous activities have included Christian Literature Crusade meeting, with Les. Parkee (in Japan for 7 years), and meetings with Miss Griffin (SI.M. field) and Mr. Smith (Illawarra District C.E. Union). Church busy pre-paring for Crusade during Oct.

Wagga Wagga (W. J. O. Todd). B.S. anniversary held Sept. 22, with D. W. G. Holmes (Hurstville) as speaker. An innovation was anniversary tea, with R. Barnes (Melbourne City Mission) guest speaker. Wool-wich College students visited church on 15th and spoke at C.Y.F. and Sunday services. Annual church business meeting held 25th. Deacons elected: J. Biden, F. Button, J. Morrison, J. Rhodes, W. H. Snowdon, C. Willis. General offerings for year, £3,727; other income and special gifts brought receipts to £4,000. Church planning for more active work at Kooringal, growing suburb in Lake Albert area.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ascot Park (R. H. Sercombe). - B.S. anniversary held Sept. 29; two were received into fellowship a.m. Kinder had display in afternoon, and Miss A. Kentish (Dulwich) was speaker. At evening service, senior school con-tributed items; 200 present, including 88 on platform. Singing excellent, under leadership of G. Woodroff. Minister gave splendid talk, assisted by two scholars.

Nailsworth (A. M. Norris, B.A.).—B.S. anniversary commenced Sept. 29, School rendered items under lendership of B. Pitt. Addresses by Messrs. Brown and Norris. Five received into fellowship by transfer. After-church fellowship by 22nd to honor and say farewell to Mrs. McQueen, who, with her son David, and daughter-in-law, is moving to another suburb. Mrs. McQueen has been a member for many years, and has contributed much to life of church. Offering for Freedom From Hunger campaign, £75. C.M.S. busy making toys for Social Service. Women's missionary rally held recently, addressed by Miss Betty Anderson.

Naracoorte (E. O. Stevens). — C.E. presented concert in hall. During minister's absence at Conference, R. L. Francis preached at both services on 8th, and two Y.P. made good confession. Young man baptised on 15th, and two young girls made their decision at this service and, with three other Y.P., were baptised on 22nd. C.W.F. meeting on 24th held in home of Mrs. W. Davle, Kybybolite. As from Oct. 6, B.S. is meeting 9.30 a.m.

Owen - Long Plains (C. S. Bad-cock). - Attendances good; all auxiliaries working well. Young man confessed faith in Christ at Owen. Circuit enjoyed visit from G. P. Cuttriss (N.Z.), formerly minister at Long Plains, who spoke in both churches and also conducted special services at Moonta. Men of circuit still assisting periodically with work at Moonta. Minister exchanged pulpits with Methodist minister from Mallala, one service. Ladies attended N.D. women's camp at Crystal Brook. D.J. Daniel and Mrs. H. Harding, both of Long Plains, progressing satisfactorily in hospital. Owen held successful anniversary services on morning and afternoon of 22nd. Luncheon served in Youth Hall. C. H. J. Wright guest speaker. Circuit service at Owen 29th, with fellowship hour and supper. C.M.S. had interesting discussion with K. Edwards (Balaklava) on Brotherhood Administration.

VICTORIA

Collingwood (S. H. Wilkerson). — R. Vautier was speaker at Crusade gospel meeting, Sept. 1. Open-air meetings held on Town Hall corner on 1st and 8th. Many folk assisted in pre-mission door-knocks and visitation evangelism. Three ladies from Carlton have been attending fortnightly prayer and Bible study meetings at home of Mrs. Trew. Church indebted to G. Mackley (Horsham) for spray-painting hall roof, front

fence and toilets. Y.P.C.E. attended special youth rally at Preston C. of E., on 24th. Church delighted with success of mission, greatly encouraged by support given by sister churches. C.W.F. held meeting on 30th, speaker being Mrs. Morris.

Bendigo (G. J. Andrews). — C.Y.F. sponsored youth programme, Sept. 15, 16, with Inn Allsop (C.O.B.) guest speaker. B.S. 91st anniversary celebrated 29th. Preacher was N. S. Moore (H. S. Chaplain, Shepparton), and choir conductor was K. Lacy. Good attendances despite rain. Three decisions at evening service. Recent speakers have included R. F. Geyer, D. Triplett (M.B.I) and D. Marr (C.O.B.). Regular visits to Benevolent Home with song and cheer maintained.

Camberwell (Dr. K. R. Bowes). — Splendid interest has characterised commencement of interim ministry of Dr. K. Bowes. Church also enjoyed short ministry of B. Coleman (C.O.B.). Youth group gave concert, raising £20 for Hall Funds. C.W.F. meetings have been addressed by Mesd. E. L. Williams, E. Allsop and Miss C. Brown. Combined meeting of C.M.S. and C.W.F. enjoyed travel talk by H. Rasmussen. B.S. competition creating keen interest. Youth service on Sept. 29 very successful; Scriptures read by R. Jennings and D. Allsop.

Harcourt (M. Drake). — Delegations attended Half-Yearly Convention at Maryborough and CYF. rally at Echuca. Successful school anniversary services held Sept. 22 and 29, minister speaking at kindergarten afternoon, and Barry Jenkins (Horsham) at services of main school. Sympathy extended to two families who recently suffered bereavement of children. Veronica Furler recovering after surgery.

Dandenong (A. R. Lloyd). - Church just completed Woman to Woman evangelism campaign under leadership of Mesd. Stafford, Robottom and Newham, and song-leader, Miss Moya McCrakett. Five decisions made at Sunday evening service. Church annual meeting on 24th. New appointments made: elder emeritus, C. Pilchen; elder, G. Brown; sec., E. Reveleigh; treas., A. Jones; deaconess, Mrs. Reveleigh; deacons, M. Edwards, J. McGrath. 16 Y.P. attended camp at Monbulk. C.M.S. held film night on 27th, with screening of Asia Today. Christian sympathy expressed to Mrs. Tulloch and her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Edwards, in loss of husband and father, to Mrs. Spurr, in loss of her husband, and to G. Brough, snr., in death of his sister. In absence of minister at camp at Monbulk, A. Matheson spoke a.m., 29th.

Malvern (A. B. Clark). — At annual business meeting, Sept. 25, following were elected: elders, J. Holloway, A. E. Moody; sec., M. C. Moody;

auditor, F. E. Illingworth, snr.; organists, Mesd. Locke and Winter, Miss Morley; deacons, R. P. Clark, W. Garratt, A. Gray, A. H. C. Pfeifer, Harry Pfeifer, A. Plews, O. Sutch. Av. attendance for Sept., B.B. 80; evening 48. Soloists have been Mrs. F. Bennett, C. Pelling, Mrs. C. Lembruggen, Joy Hammett. Family service held on 14th. Youth Fellowship held breakfast service at church after trip to snow. Y.P. held progressive dinner on 28th.

Wattle Park (L. G. Crisp, L.Th., Din.R.E.). — Church has been responsible for evening services at Oakleigh Guest Home during Sept., all auxiliaries taking part. Quarterly combined meeting, held at Presbyterian Church, addressed by L. G. Crisp. After-church function on 22nd honored Dr. Kemp's investiture with the O.B.E., also welcoming his and Mrs. Kemp's return from abroad, attended by reps. from Conference. Ladies entertained and welcomed elderly widows of ex-servicemen who have occupied the new R.S.L. Court in the district. C.Y.F. had weekend camp at Ferny Creek. Senior Good Companions stall for Earthquake and Missionary Fund realised £13: they also took part in Showgrounds rally, Several baptisms have taken place.
Recent speakers have included Chanlain Kevin Heath, G. Gilmour, C. Young and W. Kretzschmar, Many members laid aside in sickness and mishans.

Blackburn (R. V. Amos). — On Sept. 12, C.W.AF, entertained residents from Christian Guest Home, Oaklelgh, to lunch and meeting. Explorers held gym. display and concert on 14th. J. Edwards (New Hebrides) guest speaker at worship service on 15th. C.W.E.F. held Question Time with Milaster on 16th. Good Companious arranged baby show and mannequin parade on 28th, proceeds going towards Overseas Missions. Baptismal service held on 29th. Guest speakers from Alcoholies Anonymous at C.M.S. annual dinner on 30th, catered for by C.W.F. ladies.

Glen Waverley (R. W. Marshall).—Annual meeting held Sept. 25. Elections resulted in J. B. Alabaster, K. Bust, F. Dunk, R. N. Handasyde, B. Huntsman, K. R. Little, D. R. Lloyd, R. L. Salmon, W. Thorne elected to Officers' Board; sisters M. Clark, D. Dunk, E. Watson, deaconesses, and M. Whittaker, B.S. supt. Av. offering for last 12 months, £71/6/-; communicants 110; p.m. 63. Tennis teams enjoyed success — one premiers. Auxiliaries functioning well. Some members sick; R. Handasyde in hospital for surgery. Asian students assisted gospel service 29th.

Hawthern (H. E. Hunt). — Many members recovering after illness. D. Watt welcomed after surgery. Church extends thanks to Box Hill C.M.S. for redecorating school hall and kitchen. C.W.F. had well attended meeting. when sale of works was arranged for later in year. Miss Mina Burgermister gave illustrated travel talk of Northern Australia at club meeting on 27th

Hartwell (G. A. Whiting, B.A.).—Party of 11 journeyed to Maryborough for Half-Yearly Convention. On 14th, 11 Y.P. from Kaniva visited Club 4, and after staying in members' homes for night, worshipped with church, then had lunch with local Y.P. and after programme in city, returned home. Soloists, Mrs. B. Ferguson, C. Baker, A. R. Haskell. Visitors on 29th, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lampshire (S.A.).

Belmont (F. Langford). Church combined with other churches in district for census. C.W.F. combined meeting, Sept. 18, held at Belmont; F. Combridge (Social Service Dept.) gave talk and slides on work of Dept. Speaker at C.M.S. tea on 22nd was Mr. Stephens (hydrographer with Geelong Harbor Trust). P.m. service addressed by R. Werry, representing committee for Geelong Youth Campaign in 1964. present, a record for 6 months. Cricket club held car trial and barbecue on 28th. J. Small and minister home from hospital; health improving. Many others on sick list. C.W.E.F. meeting on 23rd addressed by Mrs. Marfell (magistrate, Children's Court).

Carnegie (R. Hillbrich). — B.3 tennis team won competition. Plans being arranged for alteration to chapel and school hall. New Hammond organ purchased for church. Mrs. Sutton, om. soloist, 22nd. Y.P. attended weekend camp at Monbulk. After-church sing-song held at home of Mrs. Odgrens, 29th. Mrs. Hargraves, Mrs. Sunderland and Miss Hayward are ill. Explorers and Good Companions doing excellent work. Number of visitors at a.m. service 22nd, at which 100 communed. Mr. Fullerton welcomed back after illness.

North Balwyn. — Building of manse now in final stages. Concert held recently, with S.S. Greythorn as central theme, helped raise B.S. funds. Church appreciated addresses given by visiting speakers — Messrs. Miles, Manning, Bradshaw, Longthorp, Saunders, Baker and Stewart, also by several of own members. Progressive dinner arranged by C.W.E.F. well attended. Church looking forward to commencement of new ministry with M. Glezendanner.

North Fitzroy (J. Turner, B.A. - C. Heier). — C.M.S. and C.W.F. combined monthly meeting to hear C. Heier tell of work of C.O.B. Young Marrieds now meeting regularly monthly under leadership of minister. Adult Bible Class had second meeting, and was well attended. After evening service on 29th, Y.P. visited C.O.B. to see over the buildings, under leadership of C. Heier, who conducted short devotional session in chapel. Mrs. Holmes, Mrs.

Heier and students provided hospitality at supper. Mrs. E. Trotter and A. Arnot in hospital.

Ivanhoe (H. W. Street). - On Sept. 22. T. Fitzgerald (Fairfield) spoke a.m., and representative of B & F. B. S. conducted gospel service as part of Bible Sunday observance. Following evening service, inter-church meeting and film session held in Knox Presbyterian church. At recent meeting of Official Board, R. Trembath was elected chairman and treas., H. Earl, sec. and R. Darby, asst.-sec. Special dedication service for new officers and B.S. workers conducted by minister on Sept. 29. At gospel service, film, City of Bees, was screened. "A" tennis team won premiership in winter competition. R. Darby making steady recovery following accident, and Mrs. B. Meyer convalescing at home after surgery. C.W.F. supported missionary rally on 25th. Church appreciates gifts by individual members of anodised communion cups and typewriter.

Shepparton (D. B. McIntosh). C.W.A.F. held successful birthday, Sept. 18, when 100 ladies, including other Church Guilds, attended. Speaker was Mrs. K. Laxton (Public Relations Officer, School for Deaf Child-Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. D. Holloway and family (Tumby Bay, S.A.). Several members on sick list, some in hospital. Mr. Strickland (B. & F. B. S.) spoke p.m., Sept. 8. C.Y.F. tea held 22nd, followed by youth service, when members of youth group assisted. B.S. boy confessed his faith in Christ. Members of Good Companions Executive came from Melb. on 28th to meet with clubs from Mooroopna and Shepparton. Ministers' Fraternal arranged exchange of pulpits on 29th. Lieut. B. Jeffrey (Salvation Army) occupied pulpit, Mr. McIntosh preached at Wesley and R. A. Clydesdale (elder) preached at Tatura Presbyterian. C.Y.F. organised film night, when Battle Hymn was screened. Proceeds of the evening to help pay for building equipment for New Hebrides Mission. Twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. N. McArthur congratulated on receiving Queen's Guide Badge.

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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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An inaugural tea was held during the month of May, and this was attended by 52 women and senior girls. From this ten meeting several committees were formed and these, under the direction of the executive committee, organised the details of the campaign, Advertising was confined to the local church news-sheet and the local newspaper, which gave space freely to announcements of the effort. One of the local Banks permitted the erection of a large painted wooden hoarding, advertising the evangelistic The most effective announcement of the campaign was by the women themselves, in their visitation of the contacts among their friends and acquaintances. Special meetings were held for the mothers of kindergarten children, and also for the mothers of Good Companion club members. Special fortnightly prayer meetings were held in church members' homes. Many church members erected large poster sheets on their fences.

During the campaign services were held in Horsham and Haven, while Mrs. Amos preached at Dimboola morning service on Sept. 22 and Mrs. Strack preached at Horsham. Both of these women gave of their best in their presentation of the gospel message, and their addresses enabled women to see how Christ can help them in their daily living.

On Friday, Sept. 20, a married woman stepped forward to confess Christ, and on the Sunday night her son and daughter joined her.

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FIRST OLD, C.W.F. CAMP

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